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Notices of Firms

NOTICE. MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was the 1st January, 1878.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

NOTICE. HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COM-MISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STRVENS & Co., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALASIAN STRAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, G. R. STEVENS. Hongkong, December 29, 1877.

NOTICE. TAR. H. F. MEYERINK has been admitted a Partner in our Firm This Date. from MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878. NOTICE.

HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS.

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Apply to THS. G. GLOVER, No. 7. Queen's Road Central, and East Point

Hongkong, February 18, 1878. COAL.

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Hongkong, February 22, 1878.

Intimations.

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T OAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Loaves.) Cut and Powdered LOAF SUGAR. CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent), shortly, CRYSTALIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. in diamond) A 1111*. Fine WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. in diamond) A III*. Medium WHITE SUGAR, mark C.S. R. (in diamond) A II*.

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Hongkong. March 5, 1878. THE STAG HOTEL 10. QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,

HONGKONS, TS now undergoing Extensive ALTERAL TIONS and REPAIRS, and will be En-TIRELY RE-FURNISHED and OPENED for Business on SATURDAY, the 16th March 1878, under new Management. First rate Accommodation for Visitors. Attached to the Hotel is a commodious Billiard Room.

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Hongkong, March 4, 1878. DENTAL NOTICE.

TAR. ROGERS begs to intimate to his Briends that he is about to visit Shanghal, and will be absent from Hongkong from April 1st to June 15th.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878. STANDARD FIRE OFFICE, LONDON

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

Discount 20 % VOGEL HAGEDORN & Co. Hotterne, March 1, 1978.

Intimations.

LATE ARRIVALS.

TMBRELLAS. AUTOMATON PATENT. NOVELTIES in TIES and SCARES COLLARS and SHIRTS, in New Shapes. CHRISTY'S Newest Shapes in HATS. TALL BLACK SILK and DRAB HATS. ELWOOD'S CORK and FELT HELMETS

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Hongkong, February 25, 1878.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED,

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

N SATURDAY, the 9th Instant, the MACAO STEAMER will leave at 3 p.m., and on the Return Trip on MON. DAY, will leave at 7.30 a.m. First-class Fare to Macao and Back, between Saturday and Monday, 83; Second-class \$1.50. By Order,

P. A DA COSTA, Hongkong, March 6, 1878.

VANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIA-

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

TN Accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a Dividend to Policy-holders for the fiscal Year ending 30th September, 1877, TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED.

Warrants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Contributors of Premia at this Port, on and after the 9th Instant. Policy-holders are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions. By Order of the Directors, RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, March 5, 1878.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS NOTICE is hereby given, that the Seventh Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria Hengkong, on FRIDAY, the 22nd March, 1878, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st

December, 1877. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th March to the 22nd March, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board,

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, February 22, 1878.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,

AND JEWELLERS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS,

40, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, February 20, 1878.

TO WONG HING CHEUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS. Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr Anyon has been appointed Manager and all Orders addressed to him at 57 Praya, or to Mr FAT JACK, at 80, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate atten-

Hongkong, March 19, 1877.

NOTICE,

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

THIRD RETURN of CAPITAL and - INTEREST at the Rate of BIVE TARLS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 28th February, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th March.

Watrants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement, The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the lat to the 8th

March inclusive

By Order,
RUSSELL & Co.,



NAVAL CONTRACT, 1878-79.

CEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will until Noon on FRIDAY, the 15th March, 1878, from Persons desirous of SUPPLY. ING the following: ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the year 1878-79, viz. :-FRESH BEET 108 1 TRANS FRESH VEGETABLES RAISINS. WATER

BISQUIT. Printed Forms of Cender and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office and opposed for the

Tender is reserved, atabari M Legist J. BREMNER . 1 2 West wind artis H. M. Victualling Yard,

Hongkong, February 25, 1878.

TRENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878; to the Secretary of the Hongkong HOTEL COMPARY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors,

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENEY B. HYDE, President. J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President. SAMUEL BORROWE, Secretary. A. A. HAYES, JR., General Manager, for

PRINCIPAL OFFICE. 120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured. For full information and particulars,

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.



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Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

AMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions by Public Auction, on

the 11th March, 1878, at 2 p.m., or Board,-

The British 3-masted Schooner "RUBICON," of 204 Tons Register, or 300 Tons, or 4,800 Piculs Capacity, Built in 1856 in Bremen, and Re-coppered in 1875. TERMS OF SALE :- One-third of the Purchase Money to be paid on fall of the hammer, and the Balance on completion of Transfer, the Vessel to be at Pur-

chaser's risk on the fall of the hammer. For further Particulars, apply to the Auctioncers. Hongkong, March 7, 1878.

> PUBLIC AUCTION. Plaintiff-Chun A-YAU.

> > Defendant-No A-KEW.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, to sall by Public Auction, under a Decree of the Court made in the above Suit, on

FRIDAY, the 15th March, 1878, at THREE o'clock

in the Afternoon,-All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND. situate lying and being at Victoria, in the Island of Hongkong, abutting on the North side thereof on the Praya, and measuring thereon Fourteen feet on the South side thereof on a Public Road and measuring thereon Fourteen feet; on the East side thereof on a Close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 70, and measuring thereon One Hundred feet; and on the West side thereof on a Close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 206, and measuring thereon One Hundred feet, which said PIECE or PARCEL of Ground contains in the whole One Thousand and Four Hundred square feet, and is registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOT NO. 80. For the residue of the term of 999 years created by a Crown Lease dated the 28th day of May, 1867, to commence from the 26th day of December, 1866, subject to the Yearly Rent of Twenty-four Dollars and Sixty-eight Cents, and to all other covenants conditions and stipulations in the said Lease reserved or contained.

The foregoing Property will be sold gubject to a Mortgage of \$4,600 and interest thereon at \$9 per cent per annum calculated from the 28th day of January, 1878, and the said Mortgage expires on the 23th day of January, 1879. For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to WILLIAM HENRY

BRERETON, Solicitor for the Plaintiff, 29. Queen's Road, Hongkong. J. M. ARMSTRONG.

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 28, 1878. mr15

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Price: FIVE DOLLARS, OF TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part. To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD Co., Hongkong and Shanghal; and Messra KELLY & WALSH, Shanghal.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878 Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAL The Steamship PAULEEN, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 9th Instant, at Noon, For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMBSEN & Co.,

Hongkong, March 7, 1876.

MONTHLY SERVICE. FOR PORT DARWIN, GOOKTOWN

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

and the tisual Ports. 8. N. Co a Steamers will leave this for the above Ports on or about the 20th

Proximo. For Preight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkopg, Rabruary 25, 1878.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American ship

will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch For Freight, apply to and and Garolad RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, March 2, 1878.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark DAVID BARRY, Master, will load

here and have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, February 8, 1878. FOR MANILA The Spanish Schooner Captain L URIARTE, will have

For Freight, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.,

immediate despatch as above.

Hongkong, March 6, 1878. FOR MANILA. The Spanish Barque "MINERVA." PESCAURIAGA, Master, will have

immediate despatch as above. For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, February 21, 1878. FOR PORTLAND (OREGON). The A 1 American Ship "ANNIE M. SMULL" PACKER, Master, will load for

the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA (DIRECT.)

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

The A 1 American Ship books "COMET" Nobels, Master, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents, 17

Hongkong, February 28, 1878,

FOR LONDON. The A 1 American Ship "ALIOE M. MINOTT," WHITMORE, Master, will have quick despatch for the above

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, February 8, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON). The A 1 British Ship Evans, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will

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Hongkong, January 30, 1878. FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American Bark B. F. WATSON,"
HAWKINS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 30, 1878. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 German Bark "NIAGARA" Wishhusen, Mester, will load for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

Hongkong, January, 80, 1878. FOR HAMBURG. The A 1 British Barque "ANTIPODES" Captain WYETH, will load here SE SDOVE. For Freight, apply to

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VOGEL, HAGEDORN & CO. Hongkong, January 28, 1876 WASHING BOOKS. (In English and Chinese, ASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

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Notices to Consignees

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by Steamship BELGIC, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at West Point, from whence delivery can be obtained upon counteralguature of Bills of

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 13th instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G.B. EMORY,

Hongkong, March 6, 1878. mo10

FROM HAMBURG, AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE S. S. Hesperia, PAULSEN, Master, having arrived; Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned and stored in their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghal, tinless notice to the contrary is given before 5 p.m. To-day. Cargo remaining undelivered after the

12th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SIEMSSEN & Co.,

Hongkong, March 6, 1878. FROM CALOUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

Agents.

FITHE B. S. Venice having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Undersigned, and to take Immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be a once landed and stored at Consigneer risk and expense. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, Merch 5, 1878. FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

BINGAPORE.

THE B. S. Japan having arrived from the above Ports, Consigness of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

Hongkong, March 6, 1878.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS S. S. Glamis Castle, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, into the Godowns of Mr J. Y. V. SHAW, whence

delivery may be obtained. Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to

Optional Cargo for Shanghal and Yokohams will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 a.m. To-morrow.

No Olaims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 14th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 7, 1878 COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,

S. S. ANADYR.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. Anadyr, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored their risk at the Company's Godowns. whence delivery may be obtained immedistely after landing. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Understoned Goods remaining unclaimed after WED-MESDAY, the 18th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. H. DU POURY,

Hongkong, March 6, 1878. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNRES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their sish and expense. Mo Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Ex " Aea." FP (in diamond) No. 177/8 Order, 2 cases Hate, | London Ex " Amazone." 8250/55, Order, 6 cases Cham-

pagne, from Marseilles. Hongkong, February 28, 1870.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY. The Steamship " BSMERALDA" ahortly due from Manita, will have immediate spatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Agente.

Roughong, March 4, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship " DOUGLAS," Captain G. D. PITMAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 12th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, March 8, 1878.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALOUTTA. The Steamship P. RHODE, Commander, will be despatched for the above

Ports on SATURDAY, the 16th Instant, at Three o'clock afternoon. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, March 8, 1878.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT

mol3 BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

SAID, NAPLES, AND

MARSEILLES;

ON THURSDAY, the 21st March, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. AMAZONE, Commandant MORTEMARD. with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port for the

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and socepted in transit through Marsellies for the principal places of Europe,

Cargo will be received on board until p.m., Specie and Parcels until 8 p.m. on the 20th March, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are re-

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office. H. DU POUEY,

Hongkong, March 8, 1878.

U. S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUGHING AT YOROHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, | timent, £2.12/6. the 28th Instant, at Noon, taking Pass-

States, and Europe. Through Bills of Lading issued for tran- or to New York, private. sportation to Yokohama and other Japan land Rallways, to Havana, Trinidad, and York, private.

Through Passage Tickets granted to or to New York, private. trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers. A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND 35 lay days. CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMIS-

connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., of 27th Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. to Whampon, 29 cents per picul, 20 lay same day; all Parcel Packages should be days. marked to address in full; value of same

is required. Consular Involces to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Swatow 23 cents per picul, 20 lay days. Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the

Company, No. 9, Praya Central. RUSSELL & Co. Agents. Hongkong, March 8, 1878.

NOTICE,

THE Interest and Responsibility of Ma EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, Ozasen on the S1st December last. RUSSELL & Co.

Chins, March 8, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Aleither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-Quicketer, American barque, Captain

Barnaby. - Captain. PALESTINE, British barque, Captain H. Scoweroft.—Tai Lee. Louisa, German 8-m. schooner, Captain

Schierloh .- Eduard Schellhass & Co. NORTH STAR, American ship, Captain J. U. Thomson. - Order. P. J. CARLETON, American barque, Capt. J. A. Amsburg. P. & O. Co.

Ten Lr, German barque, Captain T. O. Peterson, -- Wm. Pustan & Co. FEBRIOWER, British steamer, Captain Mackie, -Ohiness.

GLENYALLOUH, British ateamer, Captain Taylor. -- Kwong Yuen & Co.

SHIPPING.

March 8, Teuter, British steamer, 1884, R. F. Power, Shangbal March 1, and Amoy 7. General - Bufferfield & Swins. March 8, Charlton, British steamer, 876, Johnson, Haiphong March 8, Rice and Paddy. LANDSTEIN & Co. March 8, Onward, British brig, 210, Heyer, Formosa March 6, Salvage. March 8, Standard, British steamer, 1660, W. W. Lyon, Salgon March 8, Rice and Balt,-Bibliaber & Co.

DEPARTURES. Mar. 7. Broomhall, for London, 8, Rapid, for Bangkok. Morning Star, for Bangkok. Marcia, for Salgon.

B, Kwangtung, for Coast Ports. Amboto, for Singapore and Penang. 8, Fuyew, for Shanghal. Ulysses, for Shanghai, 8, Madagascar, for Bangkok. 8, Namoa, for Shanghai,

OLEARED.

Jalo, for Singapore. Mignon, for Victoria (V.L.) Annie M. Smull, for Singapore. Warrior, for Singapore. Minerva, for Manila. Comet, for Yokohama Ceylon, for Kobe. Danube, for Bangkok, Washi, for Salgon, Peri, for Chefoo. Patria, for Chelon. Peter, for Newchwang. India, for Manila. Java, for Salgon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED. Per Teuser, from Shanghal and Amoy, Mr and Mrs Burr, 2 children and servant. Mrs Steuart and 3 children, Mr Dillon BATAVIA Capt. Specht, and 764 Chinese.

Per Omward, from Formosa, Capt. Noyes of American barque Forrest Belle, and 20 of the crew. Per Standard, from Salgon, 3 Chinese.

Per Rapid, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese. Per Morning Star, for Bangkok, 20 Chl-Per Marcia, for Salgon, 70 Chinese. Per Kwangiung, for Coast Ports, 6 Europeans, and 250 Chinese.

Per Amboto, for Salgon, 630 Chinese. Per Fuyew, for Shanghai, 200 Chinese. Per Ulysses, for Shanghal, 20 Chinese. TO DEPART. Per Danubs, for Bangkok, 893 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British steamer: Charlton reports: Left Halphong on the 3rd and was delayed three days in Hainan Straits by fogs, thence to Hongkong very strong wind and high ses, which was continued till arrival

The British steamer Standard reports: For two days after leaving fresh winds and moderately smooth sea, rest of the passage strong winds and heavy sea.

CARGO. Per British ship Broomhall, for London, 7th March, 1878 :-- 11,890 cases Cassis, 813 bales Waste Silk, 203 bales Pierced Cocoons, 1,200 boxes and 150 casks Preserves, 871 boxes Gallnuts, 148 casks Soy, 2,307 rolls Matting, 148 pkgs. Canes, 20 boxes Teasticks, 51 boxes Camphor, 22 boxes Essential Oils, 10 boxes Chinaware, 20 bales Feathers, and 388 pkgs. Sundries.

Charters Effected.

The following charters have been effected during the last few days :-American ship Comet, 1150, Two Ports THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF in Japan to a port in the United Kingdom, TOKIO will be despatched for San | £2.10/. per ton 20 cwt., or on the Con-

Italian barque Francisca Starace, 494. engers, and Freight, for Japan, the United | Two Ports in the Philippines to a port in the United Kingdom, or on the Continent, German barque India, 1000, Two Ports

Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and in the Philippines to a port in the United Inland Cities of the United States via Over- Kingdom, or on the Continent, or to New Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central | German barque Felix Mendelsohn, 928,

and South America by the Company's and Two Ports in the Philippines to a port in the United Kingdom, or on the Continent, England, France, and Germany by all American ship Annie M. Smull, 1058, to Portland, Oregon, private.

British barque Northern Star, 827, CENT on regular rates is granted to Whampos to Tientsin and back to Hong-OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, kong, via Newchwang, 50 cents per picul, German schooner Nicolaus, 155, Wham-

poa to Tientain and back to Hongkong, via Newchwang, \$1,950 in full, 25 lay days. French barque St. Anne, 400, Newchwang

German barque Fidelio, 317, Newchwang to Swatow 80 cents per picul, 20 lay days. German barque Anna, 447, Chefoo to French barque Therese and Nelly, 386, 18, Henry Lippett, Chefoo to Amoy 18 cents per picul, 20 July lay days.

German barque Faugh Ballagh, 240, to Aug. Quinhon and back 21 cents per picul, 25 | 14, Regulus, lay days. British barque Palestine, 598, Bangkok

to Hongkong, inside the Bar 25 cents per | 23, Victoria (s.), picul, outside the Bar 20 cents per picul, Oct. HO lay days. British steamer Beniedi, Bangkok to Hongkong, inside the Bar 251 cents per | 25, Benedicta, picul, outside the Bar 204 cents per picul, | 80, Lodore,

15 lay days.

German barque Hermann, 468, Bangkok sed to Hongkong, \$2,700 in full. British steamer West Stanley, Chinklang to Whampos, 18 candareens per ploul, 8 lay days. British steamer Holyrood, 833, to Singa-

pore and Penang, \$1,750 in full. German steamer Cassandra, 937, Saigon to Hongkong, 16 cents per picul. Dutch steamer Java, 884, Baigon to Hongkong, 16 cents per ploul. British steamer Zanzibar, 1,480, Saigon 19, Sadan, to Hongkong, 15 cents per picul, 18 lay 19, Forward,

German steamer Quarte, 781, Salgon to 25, G. B. S., Hongkong, 15 cents per picul, 8 lay days. Jan.
American barque Caylon, 681, Kobe to 8, Korso, Hongkong, 42,500 in full, 80 lay days.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS, MAILS Will close !-For MANILA.

Per barque Minerua, at 11 a.m., on Baturday, the 9th lust, instead of as previously notified. Per barque India, at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 9th inst. For SHANGHAL

day, the 9th inst. For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS & LON-Per Teucer, at 8:30 p.m. To-morrow, the Oth insti

For BAIGON.= Per Java, at 11.80 a.m. To-morfor, the 9th lost

day, the Oth mat, Per Quaria, as 5 p.m., on Wednesday, Aurrers (4)

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet Belgic will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 13th Instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows :--

2 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases; 2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route." Hongkong, March 6, 1878.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET. The English Contract Packet Lombardy, will be despatched with the Mails for

Europe, de., on THURSDAY, the 14th instant. The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, do :--Wednesday, 13th Instant -5 P.H., Money Order Office closes.

6 P.M., Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night. Thursday, 14th instant .-A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and

Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 L.M., Letters may be posted with LATE FEE of 18 cents extra 11 A.M., when the Post Office Chours

entirely. (11.80 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom | A LARGE amount of attention was directbe posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,

11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET .-

The Frinch Contract Packet Amazone will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 21st Instant, with Mails to and through the United chelles, Réanion, Mauritius, Sues, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape St. Helena, and Ascension. may also be forwarded to India

by this Packet but can be paid only Ceylon must be prepaid. Such ters should be marked Paid to Galle only; they will go on from Galle as

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &o. :-Wednesday, 20th Instant .-5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Nicht Box, attempt being made here to produce a Spitz was called, but he did not appear.

which remains open all night. Thursday, 21st Instant .-East. The competence of the Cham-A.M., Post Omes opens for sale Stamps, Registry of Letters, an Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late 11.10 a.M., Letters (but Letters only) except those to and through Australia, may be posted on payment of Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage,

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES Hongkong, March 7, 1878.

Shipping Intelligence. The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers :-

VESSELS TO ARRIVE. AT HONGKONG. When left, Name. New York Baltimore 2. Northampton,

Cardiff Flushing Roads 3, Andreas, Liverpool Cuxhaven 2. Anna Bertha.

Hamburg

San Francisco London Elizabeth Ostle. Antwerp Liverpool Cadiz (s.) London Johann Smidt, London Minus.

Elizabeth Shields, Hamburg Cardiff 1. Glengaber, Flushing Hamburg London 4. Devans. 13, Sir Harry Parkes, London N'castle (M.S.W)

28, J. R. Worcester, Liverpool Penarth Sunderland 11, Elizabeth Childe, 11. Pring Friedrich Carl (a.), London 12, Barah Nicholson, N'castle (r.s.w.) 17, Agamemnon (s.), Liverpool Hylton Cartle, Greenock 21, Glenfinias (e.), London

> AT AMOY. Cardiff Newport

22, Belle of Oregon, Idverpool

4, Oscar Mooyet, Per Hasperia, at 11.80 a.m., on Sature Nov. 0, Catharina, Uardiff LOADING FOR CHIMA AND JAYAN PORTS Al London. - Steamers via Sues Canal Breemar Castle. Glenergles, Glenartney Egeria. Oxfordahire,

Glangus (1.)

Sailing Vessels. Per Cassandra, at 4.80 p.m., on Batur- Per Ardus. Penrith. At Liverpool.

Madras.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping. Noon.-Hesperia leaves for Shanghai.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1878.

Via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may ed at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, as is usual on such occasions, to the currency question. The discussion on this subject yesterday was however of more importance than the majority of such debates have been, owing to its culminating in a distinct expression of opinion on the part of the members present that the Mint should be re-established in Hongkong, and that the Government should be asked to take steps with a view to the accomplishment Kingdom and Europe, eld Mar. of that object. Now this expression of scilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Bata- opinion is of the greatest value, and likevia, Galle, Australia, New Zea- ly to lead to important results affecting land, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Sey- the interests of this Colony, for two primary reasons. In the first place, it represents the united idea of a body of men best able to form an opinion on the subject, and, in the second place, is the China." decision of the representatives of those whom the success or non-success attendas far as Ceylon. The postage to ing the carrying of that idea into execution would mainly effect. The establishment or non-establishment of a Mint is, if some vague imperial interests be left out of consideration, simply a question for the Hongkong community, who would have to reap any advantage, Ar the inquest to-day the name of Mr E. or bear any loss resulting from another

> merchants of the Colony, who have had daily experience of the currency difficulties in this part of world, -to deal with a matter of this kind is beyond question, and the decision arrived at yesterday ought to, and unquestionably will, command the greatest attention and respect on the part of those with whom it rests leave Yokohama for this port on Sunday, to give effect to that resolution or render | the 10th instant. it a dead letter. there seemed to be three methods for a satisfactory solution of the currency difficulty before the meeting. The first was to coin a British dollar at Home for circulation in the Far East; the next to coin one in Hongkong, and the third to induce the Chinese Government to undertake coining operations. Of these three methods, only one, however, now appears to be left. Mr Ryrie yesterday

made statements, ex parte it is true, which leave the prospect of the English Government undertaking the coinage of a dollar a hopeless one indeed; while the Chinese Government, if reports are to be credited, is still less anxious than the authorities at Home to help us out of the submitting to the present evils. The power of a British dollar to remedy, at least in a great measure, the

present unsatisfactory state of affairs seems to be generally and freely admitted. Opinion is also perhaps even more pronounced and unanimous in condemning the existing currency arrangements. In a letter addressed by the managers of the Banks in the Colony to the local Government some time ago, by experience;) would be able to avoid many of the blunders and consequent losses attending the operations if not the losses attending the old Mint, but Major to her. The only object for doing so. Kinder seems to indicate that we could it is believed, was to obtain the ale

not expect to attain success either in a less extensive or a less expensive establishment than the previous one. That Mint was supposed to be capable of making eighty thousand dollars a day, and it was calculated it would be necessary to make at least half that number on each of the three hundred days in the year in order to acquire sufficient revenue to pay bare expenses. It is possible that on one or two occasions the latter number was struck in its presses, but it is doubtful whether it ever, at its best, really turned out completed dollars at a higher rate than twenty-five thousand a day. The dollars made in the establishment were frequently melted up both in China and elsewhere, while the small coins were in great demand for conversion intobuttons! If the Chinese Government could be induced to make a British dollar coined here a legal tender throughout China, and to prohibit chopping, a Mint here might in time become a vast and profitable establishment, and our currency difficulties cease, but we are afraid nothing less than a second Yunnan difficulty would be likely to impress upon the Chinese Government the desirability of such a step.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS. [SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL,"] (By Southern Route,)

THE WAR.

London, 6th March, 1878. Only the preliminaries of the peace between Turkey and Russia have been signed. The definitive Treaty of Peace is

to be draughted at St. Peteraburg. Erzeroum is to be restored to Turkey, and the question of the passage of the Dardanelles is to be reserved.

LOCAL AND GENERAL,

FAMINE RELIEF FUND. The following telegram has been received to-day by His Excellency the Governor !-"From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Governor Pops Hennessy. " Downing Street,

"I approve of your vote of ten thousand dollars for the relief of the Famina in

7th March, 1878.

THE O. & O. S. S. Belgio has gone to Aberdeen Dock

A CRICKET Match will be played to-morrow between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the 74th Highlanders.

British dollar for circulation in the Far and was fined ten dollars. ber-composed as it is of bankers and A PARADE and Inspection of the Volunteer and Government Fire Brigades, will be held at half-past 8 o'clock on Monday next,

the 11th instant. WE are informed by the Agents that the P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer City of Tokio will

At the last meeting of the Chamber In the Supreme Court, to-day, the case of Huffam v. Spratt & Co. again engaged the . attention of Mr Justice Snowden. After hearing argument on both sides, his Lord-

THE Captain and crew of the American

ship reserved indgment.

barque Forest Belle arrived here to day by the British schooner Onward, Capt. Houer, and we are thus placed in possession of fuller particulars of the loss of the Forest Belle. The Forest Belle, a vessel of 1,296 tons register, left Cardiff on the 3rd Oct. and had a favorable passage until the 16th February. On that day, at 8.20 a.m., the difficulty. We are thus driven to adopt | weather being fine and clear, Little Botel the plan of coining a dollar ourselves, or Tobago Island bearing North 90 E. 7 or miles distant, she struck heavily on a sunken and hitherto unknown reef. The weather the previous night had been very bad, and the vessel was under close-reefed topsails and courses. When she struck there was a fresh N.E. by E. breeze, and a heavy sea running. The vessel was drawing about 22 feet of water, and it was thought that there must have been at least about 28 or 28 feet of water on the reef. The vessel never lost her way, and only struck twice, first forward, it was pointed out briefly and clearly and then ait, and immediately got into that, depending as we do at present deep water. The pumps were at once mainly upon Mexico for the Dollar sounded and the vessel found to be ourrent in Hongkong and the principal making water rapidly. The donkey engine ports of China, serious inconvenience is sometimes experienced from the stoppage and the Captain concluded to run for of supplies, consequent upon the insecure Formosa. She was ultimately beached state of affairs in that country. The at 2 p.m. in Kwa Llang Bay, and two only question is whether a Mint here days later the Captain, with a few of the would pay. The majority of residents men, left in the long-boat for Takow, to here appears to be convinced it would, obtain assistance. They fell in with and it would seem a little singular to Chinese gunboat, and having been taken on board returned to the wrecked suppose, in spite of our previous failure, ship. All the crew then embarked that we could not compete with Japan, on board the gunboat, and the carpenser, Mexico or America in a coinage for officers and cook, with a few of the Hongkong and the neighbouring ports gunboat's orew were left in charge of of China. Major Kinder, as quoted by the wreck. The schooner Ontoord was Mr Ryrle, is not in favour of a limited then chartered to salve the cargo, and cheap establishment. The Mint must, he says in effect, he on a sufficiently extenwork and stripped her, and the U. S. gunsive scale to bear adaptation to the deve- boat Ranger arriving the Captain left in her lopment of the coinage it produces | and to try and point out the reef, but as they for its success it is necessary the employee | were only a short time away, failed to find it. should be sufficient and capable. Doubt On their return in the evening, they found less the Government (can we say taught the wreck in a blaze, and on subsequent L

fron, as they saw no hopes of looting her. the Captain having notified the mandarin (Wong Ching Ming) that he intended to go to Hongkong and obtain further assistance with a view of floating her off. This will, no doubt, be a subject for further enquiry. The Captain and crew then left the scene. but not before communicating with the Mandarin

INQUEST.

SAD CASE OF SUICIDE. An inquest was held to-day at the Government Civil Hospital, on the body of Hendrich Lausen, Master of the German barque Carl Ritter, before the Coroner (James Russell, Esq.,) and the following gentlemen as a Jury : Messrs G. R. Stevens, J. N. Sykes, and L. C. Thevenin. After the Jury were formally sworn, the inquest was adjourned on board the Carl Ritter.

Alfred Conrad, sworn, stated :- I am a deck boy on board the German barque Carl Rifter: the decessed was named Hendrich Lausen; he was Captain of the vessel. I last saw him alive at 5.30 a.m. I could then see the Captain standing in his berth holding a revolver to his head. The deceased said something, but I could accept the office on account of his approachnot understand what he said. He held the revolver before his head. I got up about 4 o'clock this morning. I did not see the deceased on deck at all, but I believe the other boy did. He only fired one shot, and I immediately called the Chief Officer, who at once went to look at the deceased. There was no one in the cabin with the deceased when he fired the shot. He fell

down the moment he fired the shot. The

revolver produced is the one that was used

Edwin Yung, Chief Officer, of the vessel, sworn, stated that he had been in the vessel over a year. The deceased was the master; he was aged about 50 years, and is married; his wife is in Hamburg. He has been in command of the vessel about 7 years. Shortly after 5 o'clock this morning, the last witness called him, saying the Captain had shot himself. He found deceased lying in the corner of his berth, shot through the left eye. There was not much blood coming out; he appeared to be quite dead He called deceased by name, and got no answer. Witness then went to one of the men-of-war and got a doctor. The surgeon came and saw deceased, and said he was dead. Witness then notified the Police. He last saw the deceased alive at 2 past o'clock this morning; deceased was then walking in the cabin. Witness' room is close to his, but he did not hear the shot. Deceased came to witness' room this morning and wanted some medicine; and witness told him he could not give him any. Witness did not know what to give deceased. Deceased had been drinking, but not last night. He did not drink much, The was only the master of the vessel. We also had a very long passage from Cardiff to this port, 170 days; this was calculated to | to be secretary of the Chamber. annoy him also. Witness had heard him say at sea that he wanted to do away with himself, but he did not like to do it himself. His exact words were-"1 wish was dead, but I don't like to do it myself, on account of my wife and children." He said it again about two weeks ago, and gave as a reason that he had such long voyages and could not get a charter. mind appeared otherwise quite clear; he was sometimes a little tipsy, but knew quite well all he said. His head was quite clear yesterday; he may have drank about half a bottle of brandy, but no more. Witness had seen deceased drunk during the voyage several times, but he always knew what he was doing. He was that

way nearly every evening. By Mr Thevenin: - Deceased had nothing to eat all day yesterday. The last meal he Sea wall and not marked by any light. had was the day before yesterday at noon. The Jury, after a lengthened discussion, and found that if I had not had timely returned a verdict of felo de se.

Police Intelligence. (Before the Hon. C. May). March 8, 1878.

LARGENY. Ho Aft, a boatman, was sent to 21 days hard labour for stealing a few cash in chandler's shop at Yowmahtee.

Li Acheung, a coolie, was sent to six weeks' hard labour for stealing salt fish.

Wong Ayan, a boatman, was sent to four months hard labour for breaking into a house and atealing a box containing cloth-

DEUNKENNESS. William Stewart, a seaman unemployed, was charged with being drunk in Holywood Road. When brought to the Station he was found to be auffering from delirium tremens and sent to the Hospital. The defendant stated that he had had a piece of bone taken out of his head owing to an injury he had received ; he promised not to drink again, and was discharged.

A MISTAKEN CONSTABLE. William Darnen (P. C. No. 25) was stimmoned for unlawfully arresting and interappears that the constable had arrested the complainant as a deserter from an American ship, and although he was asked by the complainant to take him to several places to prove his identity, the defendant refused. They passed Mr Andrew Wohlter's place, and he saked what was the matter, and on plainant was the wrong man. The constable, however, refused to let him go. In defense the constable said that as soon as he heard the complainant was the wrong man, he let him go, and apologized ; the complainant then said he would go to the Station, and he (the defendant) accompaniedibine. Fined \$2 of 2 days imprisonTHE MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The following is a fuller report of one portion of the proceedings of the Chamber than time permitted us to publish last

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. The CHAIRMAN: I would propose that we Nelson as vice-chairman. They are both coming back shortly, and as they have both had but a very short term of office I think we might ask them to continue.

Mr LINSTEAD: I would suggest that it is of great importance that the chairman and vice-chairman, of the Chamber be on the spot, and as these gentlemen have done us the honour to act for some time, I think it would be more advisable to appoint a chairman now amongst us. I would propose Mr Dalrymple as chairman and Mr Jackson as vice-chairman. - A question of importance might come before us at any moment, and i would be unfortunate if there was no chairman or vice-chairman. I would propose, in no spirit of opposition, but for the general good of the Chamber at large, that two of our present members be appointed.

Mr Jackson said he must decline to act as vice-chairman, as he thought the posts of chairman and vice-chairman ought to be held by merchants. He would be glad to act time, and looked through the cabin window. on the committee, but not as vice-chairman. Mr DALRYMPLE said he had to thank M Linstead for the honour he had done him in proposing him as chairman, but he could not

> ing departure from the colony. Mr SHARP: I beg' to propose that our veteran chairman, Mr Ryrie, continue in office (applause) until at any rate the return of Mr Keswick, when they can arrange matters among themselves. Perhaps Dalrymple might be willing to take the post of vice-chairman in the meantime while he is here. The Chamber will be very sorry to lose his services, I am sure, but during the period of his stay in Hongkong perhaps he would consent to take the position. His predecessor was one of the most energetic and experienced members of the Chamber, and I think Mr Dalrymple should follow in his steps (applause). I beg to propose that the chairman and vice-chairman for the present be our present Chairman (Hon. Mr

Ryrie) and Mr Dalrymple.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY. The Chairman said the next business before the meeting was the confirmation of the appointment of his friend on his right (Mr George). They had unfortunately lost the ser-

vices of Mr Dennys, he having got an appointment in the neighbouring colony of Singapore, and they were all very glad he benefited his medicine he wanted was something to position by obtaining such an appointmake him sleep. Witness knew what ment. But they were also very glad to see delirium tremens was, but he was not suf- their friend Mr George there and to invite faring from that. He was not a heavy him to take the position of secretary, and drinker. Witness had some brandy in his he was quite sure they would agree with the owd room, and put it away after giving de- | members of the Committee, who had come in ceased a glass. The vessel has been lying | contact with him, that for zeal, urbanity of here about 2 months, and deceased was manners, and attention to the interests of much annoyed that he could not get a the Chamber generally they could hardly freight; this appeared to trouble him. He have made a better selection (applause). He had much pleasure in proposing the confirmation of the selection of Mr George

> Mr KAHN seconded the motion. Carried unanimonsly.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DANGEROUS PITFALLS. To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, March 8, 1878. Sir, -On Sunday evening last, while returning from an office a couple of hundred

yar's to the Westward of the Harbour Master's Wharf. I was picking my way amongst the puddles on the Prays, when in the darkness I was startled at hearing the wash of the waves in front of my path. Drawing back, I circumvented the spot, and on looking more closely I found a dark chasm, several feet in from the edge of the I afterwards visited the spot in daylight,

warning I should have walked into ten feet of water, with a chance of striking my head against a stone or pile in my fall, and little chance of being seen or heard by any one. The perusal of a report, which appeared in your columns the other day, of an inquiry into the death of a private of the 74th Regiment, whose body was found a couple of hundred yards to the Westward of the Harbour Master's Office, makes me fancy

that I narrowly escaped being the subject

of a "Crowner's Quest" myself.

Apologizing for troubling you, I ame do.

CAUTION, LONDON GOSSIP. A little matter has arisen at one of the chair in which the sitter was placed. clubs where they play baccarat that may cept as to the direction from which something like £1,500, I believe. They candle-light, was lvory or oream coloured man, who professed his inability to pay. It the least inconvenience. The light appears that the latter got his counters calm and firm but not at all intense or fering with Mr José Borges, late proprietor from the proprietor on tick, but the winner dazzling. The "supostire" or time of the "Old House at Home" tavern. It naturally says :- "I have nothing to do taking the picture was in each case about a with that arrangement. I paid for my quarter of a minute. Both ladies were counters, and I expect the proprietor to taken twice once at half, and again at fullgive me cash for these I now hold." To length, and we must have been fully a alleging that he has never been paid for nevertheless we left the house (four negathem; but it appears to me that that tives having been taken satisfactorily) excuse will not stand, and the holder of within half an hour of the time of entering being told, gave his word that the com- the counters is entitled to the money they it. We were on our way to a musical party represent. The arrangement between the in Great Ormond Street, Russell Square, proprietor and the defaulting gentleman and the operator held out some hopes that was a private one, with which the other printed positives might be sent after us, to players had nothing to do; and though the hotise where we were going, that same when I spoke just now of a court of law, I night before midnight. He did not, forget that probably a court of law would however, absolutely promise; and they not entertain a question of gambling, yet never came. Nevertheless such a feat in entity I should say the proprietor was would not have been impossible, for snother liable. So the matter rests for the present | surious thing about this Yander Hayde

darkly whispered that there are two or portrait-painters. three places in London where it is played on the quiet, but that I hardly believe.

It is stated from St. Peteraburg that the Czar is seriously indisposed-weak, and so thin, that he sits on pillows and soft cushions to prevent the bones from coming through the skin. He is depressed, too, with a presentiment of his approaching death. No Romanoff has lived beyond sixty, and he will be sixty in April. his sister died, some two years ago, she reminded him of this, and told him he must be prepared to go before he is sixty. They well, they constantly recur to him.

Garden. He had 19 minutes and 25 seconds to spare after breaking 5 000 balls. Great crowds were present throughout, and Bogardus was loudly applauded. He shot rapidly and with wonderful precision, broke the first 500 balls in 38 minutes and 20 seconds, the first 1,000 in 64 minutes and 40 seconds, first 2,000 in 187 minutes 10 seconds, first 3,000 in 203 minutes 15 seconds, first 4.000 in 228 minutes 35 seconds, and the whole 5,000 in 480 minutes and 25 seconds. He rested frequently during the last 1.000. He broke 100 balls in 5 minutes 25 seconds, another 100 in minutes 35 seconds, and another 100 in

minutes 36 seconds. Have you seen any photograph portraits, I wonder, done by the Vander Heyde procass, that is, by artificial light? If you have, I think you will agree with me that for softness they excel, while in clearness The resolution was carried by acclamation. I they equal, all that the sun, even with the Mr DALBYMPLE said he had to thank the most skillful human allies, has ever achievmembers for the honour they had done him : ed. "Those Vander Heyde portraits are he would not as vice chairman with pleasure. becoming a rage, partly on account of their. The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I am very | pleasantness-a peculiar delicacy and refinesensible of the honour you and Mr Sharp ment there is about them-and partly from have done me in asking me again to preside | the convenience of the process for repreat this board. I have done so for a number senting ladies in their evening dress. I do years, and I thought it was high time not think that the fact of these Vander other gentlemen took it, but under the cir- Heyde photographs being much more excumstances I cannot decline it until the pensive than those taken by daylight, tends return of Mr Keswick, when we must to make them less the fashion; rather the endeavour to induce him to act as chairman | contrary. Ladies can, of course, "taken," if they choose, in the day time, in a darkened room; but this is felt to be a bother, because then they must dress for the evening in the day time, if they wish their "full dress" and their fair persons in it, to be rendered immortal. For, as to being photographed by artificial light in morning dress, & quoi bon I when the sun would do the business almost as well and much more cheaply. So it is by night, on their way to evening parties, that ladies chiefly patronize the Vander Heyde studio in Regent Street. The interval, therefore, between 8 and 11 P.M. being the favourite time, it is necessary to obtain an appointment some days in advance for sitting withn those hours. The other night I wen with a lady, who was giving me a lift to e musical "at home" to which we were both going, to see the Vander Heyde process in operation. A very pretty young American girl, a guest of the above lady, was also with us—she likewise being about to be operated on. It was evident to me that these ladies would not have apparelled themselves so elaborately, in the very height of the present hideous fashion, in compliment merely to the unpretending party to which we were going. If they had made themselves nearly as straight and narrow as paper-knives in front, dissembling laboriously all appearance of kips, was purely in consideration of Mr Vander Heyde, or his officiating representative. We were shown, first, into a very comfortably furnished waiting-room, with a glorious fire and easy-chair, but with nothing, in the way of books or papers, to amuse us, except a number of great cards, quarto size, on which were printed accounts of Mr. Vander Heyde and his invention, testimonials to the excellence of his performances. From these I learned that Mr Vander Heyde was an American gentleman, an amateur in both photography and chemistry, that is to say, it was not until he had hit upon this invention for obtaining photographs by artificial light that he adopted photography as a means of making money, or as anything but an amusement. I read also that his artificial light was produced by burning carbon by electricity, but as I did not feel much the wiser for what I read on this score. I will not attempt to make you accomplices in my ignorance. I will describe only what I saw, and this was very little, for indeed there was not much to see: From the waiting-room we were ushered, when our ladies' turn had come, into a dimly lighted studio. The only light in the room was that which streamed in an almost horizontal column from a bell-mouthed vessel fixed about five feet from the ground. This stream of light was directed upon the probably flud its way into a sourt of law. light came, it was very much as if a round It is in this wise. I told you in my last hole, about the size of a plate, had been out that a certain gentleman, a member of the in a shutter to admit day-light into an other-B. Club, had lost some money, which wise dark room, only the light, instead of he candidly admitted he could not pay being white like day light, or yellow like play with counters at the B. Club, The camera was placed just opposite the which are bought of the proprietor; and at sitter as in ordinary cases, but the lighting the Turks from the 18th to the 18th inst., the sister ships Bailers and the Sichsen, the conclusion of this game at baccarat, one apparatus stood a little obliquely. Standyoung gentleman was the holder of a lot of ing opposite this latter you could look the these counters, won from the other gentle- light right in the eye (so to say) without

you of a public hell being established at only more gently tinted; and reminded me Brighton, kept by a Yankee, where that of the portraits by Opie or Hoppener, or game goes on nightly, and the police are Chalon's water-colours, compared with the supposed to be in ignorance of it? It is more full-bodied paintings of more modern

DIARY OF THE WAR.

COMPILED FROM THE LONDON DAILY PAPERS. Friday, Jan. 18.—On Wednesday the Grand Duke Nicholas telegraphed that he would meet the Turkish delegates between Adrianople and Philippopolis. The delegates were expected to reach Tirnova last night, in which case negotiations will begin to-day. A St. Petersburg telegram denies that any notes have been received there from either say her words made a great impression | England or Austria, to the effect that they upon him then, and now that he is not would not recognise any treaty of peace made without their assent. The Russians The New York papers record that Capt, are concentrating a large reserve army at Bogardus has successfully accomplished the Freatsti, where reinforcements are confeat of breaking 5,000 glass balls "Inside stantly arriving. Manthorpe Bey, an of 500 consecutive minutes" at Gilmore's English captain in command of the Turkish flying squadron in the Black Sea, has Eupatoria, Anapa, and Yalta, and has si'enced their fortifications. He was leaving Sinope yesterday on another cruise. Prince Milan has sent a telegram to one of his legions, declaring that no idea of peace will Prizren has been taken.

Saturday, Jan. 19.—The Turkish delepreliminary notes were exchanged. The Gand Duke then announced that he had decided to treat only at Adrianople, which having been given by the delegates, orders to be within six hours' march from Adriaare most difficult to maintain, as the flow of ice continues. It is stated that Suleiman them, and he would not starve them. The Tiflis Vestnick announces that Russian the district occupied by the troops between Erzeroum and Trebizond, and preparations made for the collection of taxes. The

Russian law into the province. secuted their march as far as Adrianople, which, on their approach, was abandoned towards Kirk Kilissa. Before leaving he to lecture at St. James's Hall on the same the whole form came in minus one tail. burnt all the provisions and blew up the subject. ammunition store. An Imperial Irade was issued at Constantinople on Saturday, ordering the enrolment of all the free male population of the city to defend the line of

Ichataldja. Tuesday, Jan. 22.—An official report states that the Turkish Plenipotentiaries did not arrive at Kezanlik until Sunday evening, and that the negotiations for peace did not commence until yesterday morning. The Turkish Government are continuing their preparations in the event of the worst bappening, and now contemplate flight in case the Russians should be able to reach Tchataldia. Adrianople is reported to be one, which is called the light gun, weighing tranquil, but it was not until Sunday evenlog that any large force of Russians entered the town. After an engagement in which gun consists of three parts, neither part the Turks are reported to have lost two being more than 200 lbs. in weight, that officers and 400 men wounded, and 450 men taken prisoners, Hurshumli has been reoccupied by the Servians, who have also captured Pristina, an important town, commanding the Salonica Mitrovitza Railway. The Roumanians have occupied Florentin, thus completing the investment of Widdin. It is denied that a demand has been made by the Grand Duke Nicholas for the exclusive right of the passage of the Dardanelles for Russian war ships. The Cretans have sent an envoy to Russia, congratulating the Czar on his successes, and entreating him not to forget Orete in the

final peace negotiations. Wednesday, Jan. 28 .- It was rumoured at Constantinople yesterday afternoon that an armistice for six weeks had been signed. Another aide de camp has been despatched to Kenanlik with further instructions for the Turkish Pleninotentiaries. The uncertainty regarding the movements of Sulelman Pacha's army has at length been to some in 1876 no fewer than eighteen ironelad extent dispelled, and we learn that he has men-of-war, of an aggregate tonnage disreached a port at which he and his troops placement of 118,494 tons, were launched will be able to embark for Constantinople. for European navies, last year only six An official despatch from Kesanlik of armoured vessels, of a total displacement of Saturday's date reached St. Petersburg 25,826 tons, left the alips. Germany added yesterday, giving further details of General | during the last twelve months four ships to Gourko's movements and engagements with her ironolad fleet actually effoat-namely, and announcing that the Ottoman troops armoured corvettes, built of iron, each of had been finally driven into the Despoto 7,398 tons displacement, with two barbette Dagh, or Bhodope Mountains, to the rear turrets and a casemated battery protected of Enickio and Laskowo, with loss of 4,000 by 154 inch iron plates, and each carrying killed and 49 guns. At the time the de- one 304-centimetre and four 26-centimetre spatch was sent off the number of prisoners | Krupp guns | and two armoured gunboats, captured was 8,000. General Gurko's the Micks and the Scorpion, sister vessels, troops are said to be advancing on all sides. | each of 1,000 tons displacement, protected The Constantinople Corresp adent of the about the water-line and in the neighbour-Stundard states that a strong Russian force | hood of their armament by 8-inch iron this the proprietor, it appears, demurs, quarter of an hour in the walting-room; is advancing towards Gallipoli. The pre- plates, capable of steaming nine knots an parations for the defence of Constantinople hour, and each carrying a single 801 centi-

are being hastened on. Thursday, Jan. 24 - We have no news

but what I said some weeks ago, when tell- | process is that the "printing"—the deve- | the resolve of the Czar to put the greatest ing you of Captain Batchelor's new bac- loping of positive pictures from the glass possible pressure on Turkey as regards the all was launched for the English navy carat club, that that game would be the negative—is also done by the artificial light. terms of peace. Hafis Pacha has retired ruln and destruction of any club that in- I did not see the actual portraits until from Kurshumli, and taken with him 12,000 troduced it, seems likely to come true. If yesterday. They were all good; those of Turks. The Servian army of the Morava the proprietor of the B- is wise, he will the 'American lady charmingly so. The is following the Turkish force. On Saturdiscontinue it. But really there is such a range or compass between the extreme day next, a Reuter's telegram says, the rage for the game that I should not be sur- lights and extreme shades may not be so Russians will very likely be besieging prized of hearing of other attempts to great as in ordinary photographs, but Gallipoli. By the Turkish Parliament it establish clubs on this foundation. Fare the portraits are not at all faint on that has been voted that the Sultan should re-elect Mr Keswick as chairman and Mr is beginning to be played too. Did I tell account. They are just as well defined, either promptly complete a peace, or else persevere with the war to its end. Although Prince Nikita has made every assurance that they will be protected, the Mussulman population in the neighbourhood of Montenegro are fleeing in face of the enemy. Her Majesty has forwarded the sum of £100 towards the Turkish Compassionate Fund, for the support of the refugees.

MR. ARCHIBALD FORBES ON THE

On the 19th inst. Mr Archibald Forbes, war correspondent of the Daily News, gave a lecture on his personal experiences in that capacity in the Dome, Brighton, in the presence of a large and fashionable audience, among whom were Lord Elcho, Col. Penton, and a number of volunteer and military officers. Major-Gen. Shute, M.P., presided, and introduced the lecturer as one of the best, if not the best, of our war correspondents. Mr Archibald Forbes had gained his military knowledge in one of the best of our cavalry regiments, and by his endurance, great pluck, and descriptive powers and (Mr J. Fitness), the members of the present high position. Mr Forbes was sidents of the town, awaited Mr Stanley in cordially received. After apologising for the reception room, where they tendered want of voice, caused by indisposition, him their warmest greetings and congratularesulting from his late attempt to pursue tions on the success of his great labours. his adventures as war correspondent, Mr The Mayor, in his own name and that of his notice in regard to the crossing of the achievements were valued by Englishmen gates met the Grand Duke Nicholas on Danube, the battle of Shipka Pass, and the everywhere. Mr Stanley briefly made his ideal of a perfect war correspondent, one of length, but said that he had long looked should be immediately surrendered. Assent he should be thoroughly conversant with on English ground. After the party had every foreign language. He, however, was were telegraphed to Djemil Pacha to not master of any foreign language, and had evacuate the place. The Cossacks are said | therefore to make his way with some few scraps of bad German and rudimentary cheers of the large assemblage at the nople. Communications on the Danube French jumbled together. Mr Forbes then traced the hard labour he had to undergo and the escapes he had to encounter before Stanley, and as he drove off he was loudly Pacha gave orders to his troops at Phillip- he was enabled to present his credentials, popolis to burn and destroy everything. and be officially installed as a war corre-When General Scobeleff entered Philippo- spondent at the Russian head-quarters, polis on the 16th the Bulgarian dwellings | where they were designated by numbers, had been set fire to, but the Russians like ticket-of-leave men. He spoke of the Mr Stanley, on his arrival, be asked to fix extinguished the flames. The number of generous way in which the Russian staff a date when he can attend an evening meetprisoners taken in the Schipka Pass was acted towards correspondents, and drew a ing of the society, and give a paper or 82,000. Prince Nikits has liberated his picture of the scenes of slaughter and narrative of his explorations and discoveries Turkish prisoners. He could not feed bloodshed he had witnessed. He described the horrors of the Shipka Pass, and of the and a deputation from the Conneil should various sorties and battles which had taken | wait upon Mr Stanley on his arrival to conadministration has been introduced into place on the heights of Plevna. He por gratulate him on his safe reture to Europe, trayed the difficulties a war correspondent and deliver their invitation in the terms had to encounter to prevent being taken as of the last resolution." It was further a spy; paid a high compliment to the decided that the deputation should invite future Russian governor of Erzeroum, to- patience, gallantry, and endurance of both Mr. Stanley to a dinner given by the gether with his staff of officials, is with the the Russian and Turkish soldiery, but society, to which the friends of Fellows investing army, and will at once on the expressed a very poor opinion of the should also be admissible. occupation of the town proceed to introduce | Bulgarians, whom he described as both treacherous and cowardly. In the course Monday, Jan 21.—The Turkish Plent of a variety of amusing and interesting potentiaries arrived at Hermanii last Thurs- anecdotes, he gave a description of his in- during the headmastership of the late Rev. day, and were escorted, by order of the terview with the Emperor at the Russian Dr. Vaughan, who brought the school to its Grand Duke Nicholas, with military hon- head-quarters, the courteous manner in present high state. It is necessary first to ours to the Turkish head-quarters at which he was received, and the interest mention that from time immemorial tailcoats Kezanlik. They have been followed by which the Czar took in him when he have been worn by the upper-form boys. Izzed Bey, with fresh instructions from Con- informed his Majesty that he had been an One night, as the master was walking out, he stantinople. According to a telegram from English cavalry soldier. At the conclusion, saw a boy, who, contrary to rules, was also Vienna, Koumanian delegates have been a vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed enjoying the evening. On the boy taking to invited by the Grand Duke to take part in by General Shute, who read a letter from his heels he immediately gave chase, and was the negotiations. The Russians have pro- General-W. Calthorpe expressing regret that so successful as to get possession of one tail illness prevented his being present to second of his coat. He thought he would thereby it. The resolution was carried unanimously | be able to catch the culprit the next morning

A NOVEL PIECE OF ORDANCE. A gun which will take to pieces for handy conveyance has been constructed at the Royal Gun Factories. The idea has been suggested by Colonel Le Mesurier, Royal Artillery, to meet the demand for a more powerful mountain gun than the 7-pounder of the service, which, from its extreme lightness-200 lbs.-gives an inconvenient recoil, and is too short in the barrel to be thoroughly effective. Two guns have been made on Colonel La Mesurier's system; in the aggregate 821 lbs., and the other, the heavy gun, weighing 570 lbs, Each being reckoned a mule's burthen. The barrel and breech are made in separate parts, screwing together when required, and a trunnion ring screws over the joint, lacking the whole together. In the experiments which have been made at Woolwich the gun has been put together very quickly—in less than a minute—and appears to be a sound and reliable as well as powerfal weapon; but the trials bitherto have been chiefly directed to testing its ballistic power, and the system will be further tried at Shoeburyness to ascertain how it would operate under adverse circumstances, such as might arise from grit or rust in the

THE NAVIES OF EUROPE. From a comparison of the recently pub-

lished Austrian Naval Almanack for 1878 with that for 1877 it appears that whereas metre Krupp gun. France launched during 1877 the Triomphante, a casemated ship of as to the progress of the pegotiations at the second class, of 8,450 tons displace-Kesanlik, except the statement in a kind ment, carrying four 27-centimetre, four 24of postsoript to a telegram that has been centimetre, and four 12-centimetre guns. received at St. Petersburg from the Hussian and having the battery and water-line headquarters, announcing that the Grand protected by six inches of armour; and Duke Nicholas intended to leave there to- the Furious, a turret ship, designed for day for Adrianople, where he might be et - coast defence, of 5,880 tons displacement, peeted by Sunday: The continued advance | protected by 12 inch iron plates and of the Bustism troops is explained to mean carrying two 83-contimetre and four 12-

centimetre guns. No ironclad ship last year. Of the eighteen armoured vessels launched in 1876 five-namely, the Inflexible, Temeraire, Shannon, Nelson, and Northamptan-were for the English navy eight-namely, the Redoubtable, Devastation Foudrayant, Trident, Fulminant, Tonnerre. Tonnant, and Vengeur-for the French navy; one, the Duilio, for the Italian; one. the Prinz Eugen, for the Austrian; and three gunboats, the Wespe, Biene, and Viper, for the German navy.

ARRIVAL OF MR STANLEY IN

ENGLAND. Mr H. M. Stanley left Paris on the 22nd inst., and reached Boulogne the same afternoon, where he was received alike by the English and French residents with every token of respect and honour. The hour of his arrival at Folkestone was not supposed to be publicly known, but a considerable number of the inhabitants of Folkestone awaited the approach of the steamer, and took occasion to give their temporary guest heartiest honour and most cordial welcome, which must have been all the more gratifying to the travellar. on account of its impromptu character, as well as from its being the first reception in England. When the boat reached the pier and Mr Stanley was recognised, a hearty cheer from several hundred voices greeted his safe return. Meanwhile, the Mavor bombarded and destroyed the towns of literary accomplishments had attained his Corporation, and many of the principal rebe entertained by him until the town of Forbes proceeded to lecture upon what com- his colleagues, very warmly expressed to posed the leading episodes of what fell under the illustrious discoverer how highly his Thursday evening at Tirnova, when the battles of Plevna. He commenced by re- acknowledgments, adding that he was then presenting what he considered should be the too much fatigued to address them at the principal important features being that forward to the pleasure of again standing partaken of refreshment, his worship conducted Mr Stanley to the carriage in which he proceeded to London, amidst the renewed railway station. At Charing-cross Station a cordial welcome was again given to Mr

> The following resolutions have been passed by the President and Council of the Royal Geographical Society: -1. That in Central Africa." "2. That the President

A curious incident occurred at Harrow by Mehemet Ali, who led the garrison out amidst applanse. Mr Forbes is announced in form; but what was his surprise when

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DOLICIES granted at current rates on Marina Risks to all parts of the World. in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the neit amount of Premia contributed by each, the remaining third being carried

to Reserve Fund. OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY. THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company Hongkong, October 27, 1874,

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Incorporated by Boyal Charler and Special Acts of Parliament.

> ESTABLISHED 1809. CAPITAL £2,000,000.

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Agents, Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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OFFICE, 48, Bonham Strand. Hongkong, August 23, 1877.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE,

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTEN

His Majesty King George The Birst, A. D. 1720. THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:--Marine Department, Policies at current rates payable either hare, in London or at the principal Ports

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THE Undersigned have been appointed Agenta for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foothow, Shanghal and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current sates. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hopgappa, Ortobet 14, 1869)

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h, near the Kowloong shore k, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section. 5. From P. and O, Co.'s Office to Peddar's Whart. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 6, From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier. 8. From Pier to East Point.

Date of Destination. Flag and Vessel's Name. Remarks. Tons. Consignees or Agents. Steamore S'apore and Penane To-day BO. & O. S. S. Co. Y'hama & S. Foloco Ab'deen Dock Laid up 1 Wm. Pustau & Co. Saigon lo-morros S Landstein & Co. Cyphrenes 3 c Wood Brit. 6 Glbb, Livingston & Co. Hollow & Halphone Dale..... 2 b Thompson Brit. To-day Danube 2 h Clanchy Brit. Bangkok Douglas 5 h Pitman Brit, 17 Douglas Lapraik & Co. Coast Ports 864 Feb. Ferntower 2 h Mackie Brit. Shanghai To-day Glamis Castle 5 c Greig Brit. Glenfalloch 3 c Taylor Brit. K'loon Dock Tambul &c. OF THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be Hailoong Abbott Brit, str. 277 Feb. 17 Douglas Lapraik & Co. anually distributed among all Contribu. Hakan Adalsten de Bergh Norw. str. 5 Arnhold, Karberg & Co. 905 Mar. Shanghai S'pore, Calcutte, &c. Japan 5 c Smidt Brit. 6 David Sassoon, Bons & Co. lo-morrow Java Dut. 4 Wm. Pustau & Co. Keinchow 2 b Madagascar 4 c Timm Ger, Kwok Acheong To-day Bangkok Malabar 5 e Gould Brit. Saigon Shanghai S Jardine, Matheson & Co. To-day 7 Douglas Lapraik & Co. Norna 2 h Walker Brit. 7 Kwok Acheong Swatow Sanda' Slip Panay Goyenechea ... Span. 30 Remedios & Co. 14th daylight Quarta 2 c Haye Ger. Sea Gull 5 h Roberts Brit. 731 7 Soy Sing 8 Butterfield & Swire Toucer..... 5 o Power Brit. London, &c. To-morrow * Amoy & Shanghai
S'pore, Calcutta, &c. 16th, 3 p.m.
Halphong
K'loon Dock 5 Butterfield & Swire Ulyanes 5 c Brit. Venice..... 4 c Rhode Brit. 5 Jardine, Matheson & Co. Washi Brit. Halphong Halphong 20 Landstein & Co. Bir. Yottung..... 2 1 Goggin Brit. 20 Kwok Acheong str. Salling Versole Alden Besse 4 b Noyes Amer. bgs. Portland (Oregon) Alice M. Minott 4 c Whitmore Amer. sh. 28 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. 891 Nov. 14 Carlowitz & Co. Angele 2 c Barbeyron Foh. bqe. Melbourne & Sydney 8 Borneo Company, Limited Annie Lorway 4 c Gales Brit, bge, Jan. Annie M. Smull 2 o Packer Amer. sh Portland (Oregon) 4 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. Ab'deen Dook Feb. *************** 16 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. Hamburg B. F. Watson 3 c Hawkins Amer, bqe. San Francisco 993 Nov. Jan. Cashmere 4 k Kendrick Amer. sh 936 Feb. 28 Russell & Co. Caylon 4 o Kelly Amer, bge. Chandon 5 k Emery Amer, sh 6 Naval Storekeeper Charger 2 k Ballet Amer. sh. 1448 Jan. San Francisco 28 Russell & Co. Charron Wattana 2 c Ulrich Siam. City of Halifax 4 c Evans Brit. 24 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. 860 Dec. Portland (Oregon) Comet Amer. sh. 7 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. Yokohama Corean...... 8 h Cromwell Amer. sob. Corona J c Spence Brit. Edward P. Bonverie 4 e Evans Briti bge. San Francisco JAD. Elcano..... Barmby Amer. sh. 1181 P. ao. What Eudoxie Adolphine ... 3 c Mirrtin Feh. Callao Falcon...... Barry Brit. bge. Wanchai Ples Melbourne & Sydney Fanny 7 c Degomson Fch. bge. 8 Melchers & Co. Felix Mendelssohn 4 o Barber Ger. bge. Freeman Clark Dwight Amer. sh. 19 Battles & Co. Costan Dock Friederich 8 c Wulff Ger. bge. 12 Melchers & Co. Globe Brit. bqe. 18 Meyer & Co. Wannhal Pier Great Admiral 4 k Thompson Amer. sh. Banda Blip Hark Away 4 c Petts Brit. bge. Hel Cheong 2 c Kent Brit. bge. Mar. Herbert Black 8 o Treat Amer. bge: 578. Jan. 15 Rozario & Co. Portland (Oregon) Humboldt 8 c Willey Amer. sh. 1018 Feb. 18 Messageries Maritimes Wanchel Pier Nov. Margeilles Jalo 1 k Moberg Russ. Singapore Jeared. 28 Melchers & Co. Kaiser 8 c Ruhase Ger. Kalaja..... 3 k Roos Russ. 12 Order Kate Waters 4 k Giese Brit. S Rozario & Co. Newchwang Kenton 2 c Colvin Brit. bge. 15 Wieler & Co. Lady Bowen 3 o Fox Brit. bqe. 21 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. Jan. 23 Eduard Schellham & Co. 330 Feb. 27 Wieler & Co. Marco Polo 4 c Jager Ger. bqe. 6 Wieler & Co. Mar. 1 Thos. Howard & Co. 874 Mar. 28 Rozario & Co. Mignon 2 c Soule Am. 8m. so. 7 Rozario & Co. Oleared Victoria (V. L.) Minerva 4 o Ercavlare Span. bge. 30 Remedios & Co. To-morrow Mosquito 3 c Miles Brit. 5 Olyphant & Co. 12 Landstein & Co. Moss Glen 8 c Nicholis Brit. New York 29 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. 24 Adamson, Bell & Co. Nimrod 5 k Clark Brit. bge. North Star 7 c Thomson Amer. sh 28 Douglas Lapraik & Co. Nuevo Constante 3 o Uriarte Span. 14 Remedios & Co. Manila P. J. Carleton Amabury Amer. bqe. Palestine 4 b Scowcroft Brit. bqe. 28 P. & O. S. N. Co. P. &O. Wharf ********** Bangkok I Landstein & Co. Bangkok Papillon 2 c Young Fch. 19 Siemssen & Co. Patria...... 8 k Schultz Ger. 4 Eduard Schelihass & Co. Peter 8 o Richelsen Ger. 22 Meyer & Co. 4 Russell & Co. 28 Douglas Lapraik & Co. River Lagan 7 c Quinn Brit. bqe. Rublcon 4 k Timmsen Brit. 8m.so. 17 Meyer & Co. Samar & c Millar Amer. sh. 8 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. Seamen's Bride 2 c Andressen Siam. bge. Silas Fish 7 c Williams Amer. bos. 13 Meyer & Co. Star of India 3 k Hollowes Brit, bge. 14 Adamson. Bell & Co. Sully Bara Fch. bqc. 387 Sumatra Bk Olough Amer. sh 1090 K'loon Dook 4 Carlewitz & Co. 5 Russell & Co. 11 Melchers & Co. Tartar Ger, Tek Litterson...... 6 k Petersen.......... Ger. 2 Wm. Pustau & Co. Thomas Bell 8 c Gruzelice Brit. Titan Amer. sh. 1270 7 Russell & Co. Cortan Dock Warrior 3 c Baumann Brit. bge. Singapore Cleared Wealthy Pendleton ... 7 c Blanchard Amer. bge. 809 Wega 8 c Zacheus Ger. sh. 1115 Wildwood 3 c Herriman Amer. ab. 1099 Jan. 28 Rozario & Co. Young Siam 2 c Benedictsen ... Slam. sh. 701 Feb. 7 Kin-tye-loong WHAMPOA Tientsin 808 Mar. 1 Rosario & Co. Newton Brit. Alex Nowion with 23 Siemssen & Co. Tientain Stalker Ger. 8 Arahold, Karberg & Co. Nicolaus 157 Mar. Tientain Mar 2 Wieler & Co. Northern Star Tientain 7 Siemssen & Co. Mar. Trio communications Lientain CANTON 5 Siemsten & Co. Shanghal Drewes Brit. 814 Mar Amoy territ 798 Mar. 849 Mar. 777 Mar. 7 Siemssen & Co. Orr Brit. Obinklang printerior Shanghai Petersen Ohl. 8 C. M. B. N. Co. Hochung str. Shanghai Shanghai

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour,

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No. 4581.—MARCH 9, 1878.] physical refinements with which Eurostandard in this respect, it is idle to Chinaman, under any circumstances . his hat at meeting a male acquaintance classes in China is proverbial, and a or on entering a public billiard room | marked contrast to what we see in our while the Englishman is equally offend- own country; and a cursing-bout with ed when the Frenchman offers his left them, provided always there is no alluhand instead of the right or indulges in | sion to ancestors, has by no means the the luxury of a rince boucks after dinner. same significance as with us. But we So too, English prudery is shocked to have written quite enough perhaps to think that American girls can enjoy show how divergent in many ways are little dinners" with young men of Chinese and European modes of thought, their own age, and without the presence and certainly more than sufficient to of the kateful chaperon; but the same secure for curselves the maledictions of prudery can afford to laugh at what it the ignorant and prejudiced of both considers a false modesty on the part of parties. For the latter we shall care American ladies, namely the tebooing of but little, if we can only succeed in certain good old English words; and we persuading the more intelligent on each all shortle ever the story of the Yankee side that to this divergents in matters of preciouss who, when asked what piece of form, deremony, sustain, and law, must chicken she preferred, replied with be ascribed the absence of a friendly becoming blushes that she would take social intercourse between Chinese and Again, the Foreigners, and not to any feelings of "the part for the trouser." separation of the sexes in China has iven rise to many unfounded statements the ill-treatment and the low social status of Chinese women. It is true that the casual observer has apparently good grounds for believing in such a state of

dwelling-house or steamer, and no longer | which European ladies have against all disguises his astonishment at the various | Chinamen without reservation. But Englishmen sometimes forget the chipeans surround their daily life even in valry of their forefathers, as we ourselves the remotest corners of the Far East. witnessed only the other day on the But he has nothing to show in his turn Grand Stand of the Hongkong racewhich the ordirary foreigner appreciates course, when a Chinese lady was publicin the slightest degree. The curious ly treated with shameful rudeness, and beliefs and ceremonies of the Chinese, turned out of a seat she had quite a right their laws, customs, literature, social and to occupy (unless there is a system of political organisations, religion, folk-lore, reserved places) as any European lady on etc., etc., might as well be at the bottom | the ground. It is a question, we allow. of the sea for all that it would matter to whether her friends were wise in sendnine-tenths of the foreign residents in ing her there in the present unsettled China; but were these last to lay them- state of our social relationships; and she selves out a little more to cultivate even herself committed an error, in sheer ig- their aids has been completed. a superficial knowledge of the marvel- norance of foreign prejudices, when she lous people in whose midst they often allowed herself to be accompanied by an pass so many years, we cannot but think amah who wore neither shoes nor stockthat a practically beneficial result would ings; but nothing can justify the rude most infallibly ensue. On the other and almost violent treatment to which hand, there are certain bars to the ad- she was there subjected. Let us quote mission of Chinese into European society | a few lines from Mark Twain's Innocents which only the Chinese themselves can at Home, where, after some ten lines of Personal cleanliness is with us | eulogistic reference to the Chinese, he a sine qua non; and until the Chinese goes on to say, "No Californian gentlecan raise themselves to the European man or lady ever abuses or oppresses a expect that they will be received upon Only the scum of the population do it effect.

equal terms. The few refined Chinese —they and their children; they and, gentlemen who have visited Europe or naturally and consistently, the policeman America and have learnt what those and politicians, likewise, for these are nations consider as indispensable even the dust-licking pimps and slaves of the from their own countrymen, bear no soum, there as well as elsewhere in Ameproportion whatever to the large num- rica." From which unpleasant theme in the long-boat of the vessel, towed by bers of Chinese gentlemen who are we will now fly off at a tangent to the glg manned by the ship's crew. A brought into contact with foreigners in certain Chinese municipal customs and Ohina, but fail to see the necessity of regulations, many of which may possithis concession to what is at any rate a bly be unknown and perhaps intervery estimable prejudice, "Dirt," as we esting to our readers, forming as they all know, "is but matter in the wrong do one of the chief causes why the in Port, and by the Head of Messre place;" however as long as the Chinese | wealthy Chinese of Hongkong do not persist in exhibiting grimy hands and I take up their residence permanently on nails, in scratching their heads, blowing the island, but seem rather to prefer their noses on their fingers, and com- returning to China or establishing themmitting many other acts condemned by selves at Macao. It is impossible to the statutes of European social life, they | believe that the Chinese do not appreciate | to the grave, where a very short prayer was can hardly expect that those very Euro- the luxury of broad and well-kept streets peans, especially the more narrow-mind- as compared with the narrow alleys or ed, will admit them freely to their filthy roadways of Canton and Peking. society. Few Consular officials in China Yet with this advantage comes a great will risk inviting the highest Mandarin, deal of municipal restraint to which they tay a Viceroy, to sit down in his draw- are unaccustomed in their own cities, as some prayers in German and also gave ing-room; not that he in any way well as a total subversion of all their despises a functionary so far above him pre-conceived notions of street etiquette. There were about 50 who attended the in the official scale, but only that he is They are not permitted to fling their anxious about his carpet or nicely-polish- garbage out at their own front doors, to ed floor, spittoons being no part of the fire crackers at impossible hours of the furniture of an English gentleman's day and night, to burn piles of paper in house. Foreigners, again, have an espe- | dangerous proximity to all kinds of comcial abhorrence of long and dirty nails; bustibles, to store gunpowder and make Street, on Monday evening next, commenwhereas the Chinese regard the former | fireworks in the heart of a crowded as honourable evidence that the wearer | thoroughfare, to indulge in gonging and works with his head rather than with drummingandmanyothernuisances which his hands, and the latter are so common | Chinamen in China may commit at their among both the wealthy and educated own sweet will. They may not, as in classes, that we must presume the Chi- China, refuse to assist drowning people; nese nation to be quite indifferent on nor are they excused from certain duties this score. For these and other similar of interference for the public good which reasons. Europeans generally avoid the cocasionally devolve upon individual cociety of Chinese; for instance, in the citizens. They may not, as in China case of the Hongkong and Canton river | obstruct the streets almost to the verge steamers, the Ichang is preferred (at any of impassibility with costermonger's stalls rate by ladies) to the Kinkiang or Powan, or heavy dangling shop-signs, leaving solely because the saloon of the former just room for two sedan-chairs to pass steamer is reserved for foreigners alone, with about an inch to spare on either while those of the other two are open to side. Beggars are not allowed to mark all alike, and the susceptibilities of the down customers going into shops to make more refined European passengers are purchases, and then to hurry in and constantly shocked by the unpleasant | beat a gong or swing about a dead cat behaviour of their Chinese fellow-travel- until the shop-keeper is glad to get rid lers. In his own home, or at a public of his troublesome visitors at the price of the Chinese gentleman a few cash. Then again Chinese street smokes between the courses of his din- etiquette is quite different from our own, The Highlanders went first to the wickets, ner; and so, indeed, do many Europeans, a fact usually ignored by blustering for- but the excellent fielding of the Club made but not Englishmen, to whom the pre- eigners who march through a Chinese sent question specially refers. His ser- town as if the place belonged to them. vants' hands are almost always unplea- and not unfrequently complain that santly dirty; they pour back the dregs coolies and others will not "get out of of wine at the bottom of every cup into their way." Now there is a graduated the common kettle to be re-heated and scale of Chinese street rights in this re-distributed among the guests; and particular respect, to which, as being not before he had secured 14 runs. The even at the table of a high mandarin we recognised by the Chinese themselves, it have noticed the same objectionable would be advisable for foreigners to pay form of economy pursued with regard to some attention. In England it has been tea. Every one puts his chop-sticks into successfully maintained that the roadway his mouth and then back again into the belongs to all equally, foot-passengers, time. When the Club went to one dish of which all are supposed to equestrians, and carriage-passengers alike. partake. Little squares of paper are Each is bound to respect the rights of used in the place of napkins, and are the other, and is responsible for any thrown as usual on the floor; and at any accident arising from disregard of this moment of the feast any one of the principle. Not so in China: the ordinary guests will bid his servant bring his foot-passenger is bound to "get out of runs with 9 wickets down, against the hubble-bubble, or may be his hand-spit- the way" of the lowest coolie who is Club's 108. Below we append the scores :toon, and use either or both as if there carrying a load; that same coolie must were no one present but himself. All make way, even at great inconvenience these are, of course, more trivialities, to himself, for a sedan-chair; an empty mere matters of detail, which should not chair yields the way to a chair with be allowed to interfere with the mutual somebody inside; a chair, inasmuch as feeling of respect that should exist be being more manageable, gets out of the tween the two races; but one inevitable | way of a horse; and horse, chair, coolie, consequence will be the social separation | and foot-passenger, all clear the road for of which "A Chinese" complains. It a wedding or other procession, or for the is only the more highly educated sec- retinue of a mandarin. Occasionally ordinary Englishman as an unpolished as far as blows; for the happy, goodbear, because the latter does not take off tempered disposition of the working-

mutual disrespect, still less of mutual

According to the official Russian report, the number of prisoners taken at Schipks hings; and to this fact may possibly be | Poss was 82,000, and ninety-three guns and ttributed a part of the violent prejudice | ten colours were centured.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

H. M. S. Audacious and H. M. S. Curlew. Growler, Swinger and Magpie, will go out- day :--side for target practice on Monday morning next, returning to port late in the evening or on Tuesday morning.

WE have to acknowledge receipt of the Rev. J. Chalmers' Conciss Dictionary of Chinese on the basis of K'ang-hi, just issued. Sinologues and students of Chinese generally will be glad to learn that this addition to

Norross are posted at all the outlying son. villages calling upon the inhabitants to refrain from destroying or cutting trees and shrubs, and offering a reward of \$3 to any person giving information which will lead to a conviction for an infringment of this law. Persons guilty of this offence are liable to one month's imprisonment. We trust these notices will have a deterrent

THE funeral of the late Capt. Lausen, N. G. Barque Carl Ritter, took place this afternoon. The body was brought ashore hearse was in attendance at Bowrington to receive the body, which was followed to the grave by nearly all the German Captains Siemssen & Co.'s house and several other gentlemen. The body was received at the Gate of the Protestant Cemetery by the Rev. Mr Davys, who conducted the body said, but an excellent extemporary sermon given, especially on the subject of Intemperance; after which, by kind permission of the Clergyman, the Rev. Dr. Eitel read a short exhortation to the people present.

THE usual fortnightly Entertainment will be held at the Temperance Hall, Stanley oing as usual at 1-past 8.

PROGRAMME. 1-Overture, Piano and Violin, From 2-Song. "The ups and downs of life."

8-Song and Chorus, "Do not go, my lady love." 4—Recitation, "A lay of real life." 5-Song, "Bell Mahone's reply." 6-Song, "Let each man learn to know

7—Song, "The Rose of Traice," 8-Violin Solo, "Hope told a flattering

9-Song, "Jessie's Dream," (an incident at the relief of Lucknow.) 10-Song and Chorus, "The moonlit sea." 11-Recitation, "The dream of Eugene

12-Song, "Shillings , ve spent a few."

CRICKET match was played this afternoon between the Club and the 74th Highlanders. their chances of victory very gloomy, as with six wickets down they had only managed to make two runs. Private Henderson was then sent in and made a stand, but was ultimately disposed of by Johnson, but greater number were disposed of Hynes, and A. K. Travers, whose bowling sent them away in double quick

wickets the Highlanders' score stood at Their second innings however told different tale, and when the stumps were drawn at sundown they had made 120

74TH HIGHLANDERS-1st Innings. Pt. Dawson, b. Hynes 2 Lt. Greer, b. Hynes Lt. Kelham, l.b.w., b. Hynes.....

Pt. Reynolds, b. Hynes Lt. Heneage, b. A. K. Travers Lt. Kays, b. A. K. Travers..... 0 t. Henderson, c. Johnson, b. A. K. Lt. Cavendish, c. D. B. Grant, b. A. K. Total..... 26 Pt. Dawson, b. Grant Lt. Kelham, c. Travers, b. Travers46 Pt. Reynolds, c. Johnson, b. Saunders... 1 Lt. Heneage, b. Saunders 0 Lt. Cavendish, b. Travers

Total......120 OLUB-1st Innings. W. Dunman, b. Greer...... P. Pearce, R.N., b. Reynolds.....20 R. G. Alford, b. Reynolds O Black Sea fleet so many vessels and

OFFICAL NOTIFICATIONS. The following important notifications appear in the Government . Gazette of to-

At a conference held at the Council Chamber on the 25th February, 1878, to consider the question of the teaching of English in the Government Schools, the following gentlemen were present by invitation of His Excellency the Governor, who

presided :--The Honourable the Colonel Commanding the Troops (Colonel Bassano, C.B.) The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (J. Gardiner Austin, C.M.G.)

The Honourable Henry Lowcock. The Honourable J. McNeile Price. The Honourable Francis Bulkeley John-

The Honourable Phineas Ryrie.

Frederick Stewart, Esquire, Head Master of the Central School The Reverend E. J. Eitel, Ph. D. The following resolutions were arrived

1. That the primary object to be borne in view by the Government should be the teaching of English.

2. That to enable the Central School to give more time to English and less time Ohinese studies, without materially diminishing the amount of Chinese knowledge on the part of the scholars on leaving the Schools, the preliminary requirements in to save the Colony as far as possible from Chinese knowledge be raised in the case of any heavy outley for land space and water all such candidates for admission as do not already speak English fairly well to the requirements of Standard IV. of Class I. of the Grand-in-Aid Schedule, (with the exception of Geography).

3. That five hours be given every day (except Saturday) to English, and 21 hours to Chinese studies, but with the understanding that all English lessons will be obligatory, and all Chinese lessons optional, according to the declaration on the part of

the parents. The above resolutions were arrived without a division, with the exception of that portion of the latter which makes the study of Chinese optional on the declaration of the parents. On that point, the voting was as follows :-

For making Chinese optional. The Honourable the Colonel Commanding the Troops. The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable J. M. Price. The Honourable F. B. Johnson. TheiReverend E. J. Eitel, For making Chinese compulsory. The Honourable P. Ryrie.

The Honourable H. Lowcock.

Mr Stewart. 4. That increased accommodation, more English speaking Masters, and smaller classes are essential to the proper teaching of English at the Central School. 5. That as a preliminary step, the staff of

English Masters be doubled forthwith. 6. That with regard to the other Government Schools entirely supported by Government, arrangements be made, as soon as possible, to teach the boys English in all

J. POPE HENNESSY, Governor. Read and confirmed this 5th day of March, 1878.

H. E. WODEHOUSE, Olerk of Councils.

His Excellency the Governor in Council having been pleased, subject in all respects to the approval of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to grant Two months vacation leave and Ten months leave on half salary, to the Chief Justice the Honcurable Sir John Smale, ments have been made by His Excel-

Judge, to be Acting Chief Justice. James Russell, Esquire, Police Magistrate, to be Acting Puisne Judge.

C. V. Creagh, Esquire, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, to be Acting Police Magistrate.

By Command. J. GARDINEE AUSTIN, Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th March, 1878.

having granted Twelve months leave of absence on half pay to Frederick Stewart, Esquire, Inspector of Schools and Head Master of the Central School, the Reverend Ernest John Eltel, Ph.D., has been good enough, at the request of His Excellency the Governor, to undertake the duties of Acting Inspector of Schools and Head of the Educational Department; and the following provisional appointments have School :-

Mr. A. Falconer to be Acting Head Mr. W. M. B. Arthur to be Acting 2nd

By Command, J. GARDINER AUSTIN, Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hpngkong, 7th March, 1878.

Police Intelligence (Both Magistrates Sitting.) March 9, 1878.

Wan Asung, a rice-pounder, was sent 7 days hard labour for stealing a spar. Tang Atsai, a rattan maker, was sent to

14 days hard labour for a similar offence.

Lum Apul, a shopman, was charged on remand with having stolen an umbrella from the S. S. Kinklang on the 18th Feb. The owner of the umbreils having now been

POCKET PICKING. . Chan Ali, a carpenter, was sent to six and stealing \$2.

months hard labour.

UTTERING COUNTERFEIT COIN. Wong Acheung, a bricklayer, was com-Hynes, c. Henderson, b. Reynolds... 8 mitted for trial on a charge of uttering

A DESPATCH from Berlin states that this K. Travers, c. Henderson, b. Reynolds. 6 Russian Government is at present engaged H. H. Darby, b. Reynolds...... 1 in framing a regular plan for constructing a G. F. Johnson, provided much tonnage every year, as is provided Extras, property of taken in hand at once. A considerable vote

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MINT QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." Hongkong, March 9, 1878. Sir,—The discussion in the Chamber of Commerce on the above question was of unusual interest and the opinions expressed in favour of the undertaking will doubtless be thoroughly endorsed by the whole commercial community. Should the proposed gratitude for the great benefit I have descheme be carried into effect, could not the rived by taking 'Norton's Camomile Pills. necessary funds be found by a loan from the I applied to your agent Mr Bell, Berkeley, small coinage, so ably and feelingly pointed stomach, from which I suffered excrude out by Mr Granville Sharp, would alone ting pain for a length of time, having tried ensure a profit more than sufficient to meet nearly every remedy prescribed, but withany claims for interest.

new building, will, if the proposal be acted was quite restored to my usual state of of land eastward, so lately shown by the benefit of those who may thus be afflicted. sale of a space in a comparatively uninhathe Government may be able to resume some | MILE PILLS."-1f8sep78. of those lots to the westward, near Belcher's Bay, the condition of which, thanks to the soft heart of Sir Arthur Kennedy and the well-directed tears of interested suppliants, have long remained an obstacle to the progress of the Colony. Whether the Government go East or West to build the Mint, however, it is to be hoped that the Surveyor General will so exercise his shrewdness as -frontage,-Yours &c.

ECONOMY.

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SHANGHAL (Courier.

The case of E. Fajard v. J. Maitland was heard before R. A. Mowat, Esq., at H. B. M.'s Supreme Court to-day (Mar. 1st.) Plaintiff claimed the return of a promissory note for Taels 35,000. Plaintiff obtained the note about fourteen years ago from Takes and gave it to defendant in 1875, as security for debts, after which he Shanghai. He said the debts had paid during his absence; but, failing to establish that fact, Mr Mowat said he must give judgment for defendant.

The assemblage at the Grand Stand, on this the opening morning (Mar. 1st) of the Training season, was but small; not ex- Sycee, ceeding a dozen members in all. There is. Moxicans, ... of course, no possibility of forming any Gold Leaf, opinion yet on the probabilities of the spring | English Sovereigns, meeting; the principal attention this mor- Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.08 being to the excellence of the coffee Discount. ... and of the farm butter. It is to be hoped that a few genial days will take the place of the moist ones we have had for so long, that | Hongkong Bank, 59 % prem. the ground may get into condition, and enable the sportsmen to make up for the close winter.

Miscellaneous.

THE contracts for the 100 torpedo-boats recently ordered by the Russian Government have been taken by the two leading shipbuilding firms at St. Petersburg. They are to be exact copies of the torpedo-boats built last year by Messrs. Yarrow and Co., which attained during their trials on the River Neva a speed of twenty-two statute miles an hour. Fifty of these boats are to be completed within six months, and to ensure the utmost despatch the orders for the Taken at Mesers Falconer & Co.'s Premiler machinery have been distributed among a large number of firms.

COMPARING NOTES, -One was a parcel boy and the other a cash boy, and as they halted under an awning for a minute, the parcel Knight, the following provisional appoint- boy asked: "Do you get the same old wages yet?" "Yes, just the same." "Haven't you been presented with a watch or a cane His Honour Francis Snowden, Puisne | as a token of esteem?" "No-not a thing." Don't the boss ever ask you up to a Sunday dinner?" "Not a one." "Never comes around and asks your advice about the markets?" "Never." "And he hasn't got a daughter to fall in love with you, and suicide if she can't marry you?" "No." "Well, I don't see how you stay there. It must be awful humiliating to a boy of your temperament." "So it is—it's just awful on me, but I'm hanging on in hopes of finding a five dollar bill on the floor and buying all His Excellency the Governor in Council | the rock-candy I can eat. Seems as if I could taste it now-good-bye. Few people know how we boys suffer day after day."-

Detroit Free Press. "CAVE" writes to us as follows :-- "I have seen with great regret that we are threatened with a renewal of the clamour for opening the British Museum Reading Room in the Aug. evening, for the benefit of the working classes. A writer who is clearly jawake to the great danger to our national library inbeen made by His Excellency in the Central volved in such proposal thinks that such danger might be avoided by turning certain subterranean chambers now existing between the official residences and the Museum into reading-rooms for the accommodation of evening visitors. When this question was agitated some twenty years ago I had a conversation on the subject with the late distinguished keeper of the MSS., Sir Frederic Madden, in the course of which he told me that Mr. Braidwood (than whom no one could speak with greater authority on such matters? was strongly opposed to the proposal, on the ground that, from the construction of the building, he was quite sure that if it once caught fire nothing could save it from becoming a heap of ruins. It took six months to of that city; but the Omer who indirectly sets fire to the British Museum by introducing lights into it at night would probably | 28, J. R. Worcester, accomplish the destruction of that rival library in as many hours." A LETTER from Odessa in the Hamburg

Correspondent says that the police in that and other towns of the Russian Empire have selled a great number of copies of a revolutionary pamphlet which has been circulated, by some means not yet discovered, through the agency of a society calling itself "The Society of National Emancipation." The pamphlet is entitled, "An Appeal from the Society of National Emancipation to all Honourable Men in Russia," and it begins as follows :- "The hour of national resurrection, of a public rising of the masses, and of a radical change of the state of things under which we suffer is approaching. The chains of our slavery of many hundred years are beginning to rust, and they are already so Worn out that it only requires one energetic effort on our part to shatter them to pieces. The events of last summer at the seat of war and the state of our army have thoroughly dissipated the illusion of the timid and the weak. Until now they might yet have believed in the strength and soildity of the Government which oppresses us. But now this belief must have fied Aurrora (c.) without kope of return, for the absolute Deusalion (s.)

impotence of the Government has beet clearly manifested. This despotic tyranny has shown itself totally incapable of preserve ing Russia from universal misery and ruin. It can neither save the Empire from political and financial bankruptoy, nor free its population from the vampires who are sucking our blood."

"BERKELEY, Sept. 1869.—Gentlemen, feel it a duty I owe to you to express my Special Fund? The unlimited demand for for the above-named Pills, for wind in the out deriving any benefit at all. After The question of a suitable site for the taking two bottles of your valuable Pills, upon, prove somewhat difficult, if the cost | health. Please give this publicity for the -I am, Sir, yours truly, HENRY ALLPASA bited district, be a fair criterion. Probably -To the Proprietors of Nonton's Cano-

Quotations. Honekone, March 6, 1878. OPIUM.-New Patna, cash....\$5821 a 565 Old Patna, cash,... None New Benaves, cash, 5521 a 555 Old Benares, cash, None New Malwa, cash, 685 Taols, 12 a 40 Allowance Old Malwa, cash, Allowance Tacls, -QUICKSILVER, ... 64.50

SALTPETRE. Exchange. Bank, on demand, ... 8/10 30 days' sight, |... 3/104 6 months' sight, ... 8/11 Documentary, 6months sight, ... 8/114 Bombay, demand Rupess, ... 223 Calcutta, Shanghai, demand.... Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., ... 7 to 8 %

Union Ins. Society or Canton, \$1,800 Ohina Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,150 Ohinese Insurance Co., \$245 Yangtaze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 615 North China Ins. Co., Tls. 860 H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$680 China Fire Ins. Co., \$170 H.K. & W. Dook Co., 1 % dls. H.K. O. & M. S. boat Co., \$14 dis. Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 26 Hongkong Gas Co., 875 Hongkong Hotel Co., \$55 China Sugar Refining Co., \$14 prem Chinese imperial Loan, \$104.10/. of 1877, £103

> Temperature. Queen's Road.)

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Shipping Intelligence. The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers :--VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

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Portfolio.

LIGHT AND SHADE A DEDICATION The sea gives her shells to the shingle, The earth gives her streams to the sea; They are many, but my gift is single, My verses, the first truits of me. Let the wind take the green and the gray lear Castiforth without fruit upon air; Take rose-leaf and vine-leaf and bay-leaf

Blown loose from the hair.

Dawn drives them before her like dreams: Time sheds them like snows on strangeregions, Swept shoreward on infinite streams; Leaves pallid and sombre and ruddy, Dead fruits of the fugitive years: And some as with tears. -Algernon Charles Swinburne.

ALPINE HEIGHTS. Like mighty thinkers, there they stand Above the soft green pasture-land; They yield no common yearly food, To those lone hights ne'er climbs the wood "What do those giant idlers there?" I asked : and streams the answer bare, Which, foaming through the Summer heat Rush down the rocks, and round the feet Of those gray mountains coolness bring-The coolness of their glacier spring. "Oh, brown would all these pastures lie, If never peak had towered high Above the zone where corn and oil Can flourish and repay your toil. Those grand calm hights, like sages, hold Such treasures heaped from times of old, Such stores of ice and snow to yield Their cooling draught to thirsty field; Those rugged shoulders bravely bear New burdens for the coming year. But mortals will not read aright, Nor know that, from each barren hight Unquenched the living waters flow Which verdure bring to fields below." _London Speciator.

GRAINS OF GOLD. PHYSIC, for the most part, is nothing else but the substitute of exercise and temperance. - Addison.

THAT a state of life is most happy where not wanting .- Plutarch. INITATE time; it destroys everything

detaches, it does not wrench .- Joubert. REPUTATION is a most idle and most false imposition, oft got without merit, and lost without deserving .- Shakepeare. THE seat of knowledge is in the head tof

wisdom, in the heart. We are sure to judge wrong if we do not feel right.-Haskitt. THERE never did and never will exist anything permanently noble and excellent in a character which was a stranger to the exercise of resolute self-denial .- Walter

BEFORE thou reprehend another take heed thou art not culpable in what thou goest about to reprehend. He that cleanses a blot with blotted fingers makes a great blurri—Quaries. THE young girl who begins to experience

the desire of pleasing betrays the secret of her heart, and sometimes reveals her hopes. -Beauchere. .:

Ir is for the most part in our skill in manners, and in observance of time and place and of decency in general, that what and which in reality is no other than a more refined judgment.—Burke.

WE are mined, not by what we really want, but by what we think we do; therefore, never go abroad in search of your wants-if they be real wants they will come home in search of you, for he that buys what he does not want will soon want what he cannot buy .- Colton.

THE works of a person that builds begin immediately to decay, while those of him that plants begin directly to improve. In this, planting promises a more lasting pleasure than building, which, were it to remain in equal perfection, would at least begin to moulder and want repairs in imagination; now trees have a circumstance that suits our taste, and that is annual variety. Shenstone.

WILL ADAMS' ORIGINAL LETTERS. (From the papers of the Hakluyt Society, 1850.)

Having so good occasion, by hearing that certaine English marchants lye in the island of Iaua, although by name vnknowen, l haus ymboldened my selfe to wryte these few lines, desiring the Worshipfull Companie being vnknowen to me, to pardon my stowines. My reason that I due wryte, is first as conscience doth binds me with lone to my countrymen, and country. Your Worships, to whom this present wryting shall come, is to geve you vuderstand that I am a Kentish man, borne in a towne called Gillingam, two English miles from Rochester, one mile from Chattam, where the Kings ships due lye t and that from the age of twelte years olde, I was brought vo in Limehouse heere London, being Apprentice twelue yeares to Master Nicholas Diggines ! and my selfe haue serned for Master and Pilott in her Maiesties ships; and about eletten or twelve Teares have served the Worshipfull Companie of the Barbarie Marchants, vatili the ladish traffick from Holland [began], in Emperour, and procuring friendes to hasten | which thing only is my greatest griefe of while to push the accumulation from his customs of the country. which Indish traffick I was desirous to make a lettel experience of the small know- ful at need, shewed mercy vnto va, and | vnknowen in Ratcliffe and Limchouse, by ledge which God had goven me. So, in the would not suffer them to have their willes name to my good Master Nicholas Diggines. off, but no fly ever committed suicide. Some years of our Lord 1598, I was hired for of vs. In the end, the Emperous gave M. Thomas Best, and M. Nicholas Isaac, of his motions very much tesemble those of Pilot Major of a floote of five sayle, which them annawer that we as yet had not doen and William Isaac, brothere, with many was made readie by the Indish Companie ! to him nor to none of his lande any harme others; also to M. William Iones, and M. Peter Vander Hay and Hance Vander Veek. or dammage ! therefore against Reason and Becket. Therefore may this letter come to The Generall of this fleet, was a marchantt Instice to put ve to death. If our countreys any of their hands, or the copy : I doe know called lagues Maihore, in which ship, being had warres the one with the other, that was that compassion and mercy is so, that my Admirali, I was Pilott. So being the three no cause that he should put vs to death; friends and sindred shall have newes, that and twentieth of fours and twentieth of with which they were out of hart, that I doe as yet line in this vale of my sorrow. Itine ore we sett sayle, it was too late ere their critell pretence falled them. For full pilgrimage ; the which thing agein and evening .- Western Form Journal. we same to the line, to passe it without which God be for evermore praised. Now agein I do desire for leaus Christ his sake. sontrarie winder. So it was about the in this time that I was in prisson, the ship You shall understand, that the first ship middest of September, at which time we was commaunded to be brought so neere to that I did make, I did make a voyage or founds much southerly winder, and our the citie where the Emperour was, as might two in and then the King commanded me men were many sick, so that we were forsed be (for grownding hir); the which was done, to make an other, which I did, being of the to goe to the coast of Guinney to Cape 41 dales being expired, the Emperous burthen of an hundred and twentie tunner. Coursie a, where wee not our sicke men a caused me to be brought before him agein, In this ship I have made a voyage from lands, of which many dyed ; and of the demanding of mee many questions more, Meano to Edde, being as fair as from London singurates few bettered, having little or no which were too long to write. In concin. to the Litards or the Lands end of England sefreehing, beings an enhealthfull place, sion, he asked me whether I were desirous which in the years of our Lord 1609, the Bo that to fulfill our voyage, wee set our to goe to the ship to see my countreymen. King lent to the Gonemour of Menilla, to course for the coast of Brusill, beinge deter. I answered very gladly t the which he bade goe with eightle of his men, to saile to Acamined to place the treightee of Magilanus me does so I departed, and was freed pulsa. In the years 1609 was cast away a lit is true that this publication was estensibly and by the way cam to an Iland called from imprissonment. And this was the great ship called the S. Francisco, beeing made in the interest of the police force. Annabona, which telend we landed at, and first news that I had, that the ship and about a thousand thousand thousand the social of and it was recommended that patrolmen. tooks the towns, in which was about eightis sompany were come to the citie. Bo that, I apon, in the latternde of thirty due degrees houses. In which I and we refreshed our with a reloging hart I tooke a boat, and land little minutes. By distresse of weather munication with police head quarters. It seluce, having oxen, oranges, and diners went to our ship, where I found the captes she but bust board her many and was svident, however, that the result would the sire was very bad, that as one bettered, and when I cam abord with weaping byes the ship rame von the shore in the ship rame von the shore in the ship rame femites, etc. Ent the enwholesomenesse of and the rest, resourced of their sickenesse | born to less the might be to make every lamp-post a spy upon mid-

coast vp the cape Gonsalues, and vp Annabond, a two moneths tyme, till the twelfth or thirteenth Nouember. At which time, windes still at the south and south by east, ming to the south-east, and east south-east. and so that we were vp betweene the Hand of Annabana, and the Streightes of Magi-

lano, about a fine monethes. . Being at the island of St. Maria, which The night shakes them round me in legions, lieth in the lattetude to the soward of the line of thirtie senen degrees twelne minutes on the cost of Chili. wee tooke commell to take all things out of one ship, and to burne the other; but that the captens that were made newe, the one nor the other, would Some stained as with wine and made bloody, not, so that we could not agree to leave the one or the other; and having much cloth in our ships, it was agreed that wee should leaus the coast of Perow, and direct our course for Japon, having understood that cloth was good marchandiz there; and also how voon that coast of Perow, the king's ships were out seeking vs, hauing knowledge of our being there, understanding that wee were weake of men, which was certaine : for one of our fleet, for hunger, was forced to seeke reliefe at the enemies hand in Saint Ago. For which reason, haulog, refreshed ourgelues in this Hand of St. Maria, more by policie then by force, we departed the twentie seven of November, from the Hand of St. Maria, with our two ships; and for the rest of our fleete we had no newes of them. So we stood away directly for fapon; and passed the equinoctiall line together, vntill we came in twentle-eight degrees to the northward of the line; in which lattetude we were about the twentle-third of February 1600. Wee had a wonderous atorme of wind, as ever I was in, with much raine, in which storms wee lost our consort, whereof we were very sorry | nevertheless, with hope that in Iapon we should meet the one the other, we proceeded on our former intention for Iapon; and in the height of thirtie degrees, sought the northermost [7] Cape of the forenamed Iland; but found it not, reason that it lieth faulce in all cardes, and maps, and globes; for the Cape lieth in thirtie-fine degrees to which is a great superfluities are not required and necessaries difference. In the end, in thirtle-two degrees to wee cam in sight of the lande being the nineteenth day of April. So that slowly; it undermines, it wears away, it betweene the Cape of St. Maria, and Iapon, we were foure moneths and twentie-two daies; at which time there were no more then sixe besides my selfe that could stand voon his feet. Bo we in safetie let fall our anchor about a league from a place called Bungo. At which time cam to ve many boats, and we suffred them, which people did vs no harme ; neither of vs viderstand. ing the one the other. Within a 2 or a dales after our arivall, ther cam a lesuit from a place called Langasacke, to which place the Carake of Amakau is yeerely wont to come, which with other Iaponers that were Christians, were our interpreters, which was not to our good, our mortal enemies being our Truchmen. Neuerthelesse, the King of Bungo, the place where we arrived shewed ve great friendship. For the necessity of loving, seeks to hide it; but he gaue ve an house a lande, where we landed our sicke men, and had all refresh ing that was needfull. We had when we cam to anker in Bungo, sicke and whole foure and twentie men, of which number the next day three dyed. The rest for the most part recovered, saving three, which is called taste by way of distinction consists; lay a long time sicke, and in the end also points of jeometry, and vaderstanding of churches in the lland. died. In the which time of our being here the Emperour hearing of vs, sent presently fine gallies, or friggates, to va, to bring mee to the Court, where his highnes was, which was distant from Bungo about an eightie English leagues, Soe that as soon as came before him, he demanded of me; what countrey we were ; so I answered him in all points; for there was nothing that he demanded not, both conserning warre and peace betweene countrey and countrey ; so . that the particulars here to wryte would be plication to the king to goe out of this land, too tedious. ... And for that time I was commanded to prisson, being well weed; with

> me agein, demaunding the reason of our land. Yet in processe of time, being in comming so farre. I aunawered : We were | great fauour with the Emperour, I made a people that sought all friendship with all supplication agein, by reason we had newes nations, and to have trade in all countries, that the Hollanders were in Shian and bringing such merchandiz as tour countrey Patania; which reloyeed vs much, with did afford into strange landes, in the way hope that God should bring us to our of traffick. He demanuded also as consern- countrey againe, by one meanes or other. ing the warres betweene the Spaniard or So I made supplication agein, and boldly Portingall and our countrey, and the re- spake my selfe with him, at which he gaue and in this retired spot, heedless of the asons; the which I gaue him to vinderstand me no aunawer. I told him, if he would crafty spider that is practising gymnastics a of all things, which he was glad to heare, permit me to depart, I would bee a meanes, few feet above him, he proceeds to purify as it seemed to me. In the end, I was that both the English and Hollanders and sweeten himself for the refreshing repose commaunded to prisson agein, but my should come and traffick there but by no and soft dreams of the balmy summer night, men as they came to the market, have lodging was bettered in an other place. So means he would let mee goe. I asked so necessary to one who is expected to be gradually attracted the natives, who find it that 89 dayes I was in prisson, hearing no him leave for the capten, the which he early at breakfast. or not nor of the rest of the company ; in nations, and were we suffered to live, it should be against the profit of his Highnes, being executed, the rest of our nation withmy death. But God that is always merci- heart, and conscience. I am a man not

restore it to ve back again; but it was here Sakay, two leagues i or three leagues, from Ozaca, where the Emperour at that time did lye, commaundement cam from the Emperour called me, as divers times he being desirous not to be over tedious to the had done before. So one time aboue the reader. rest he would have me to make him a small

I pleased him so, that what I said he would not contrarie. At which my former enintreat me to do them a friendship, which to both Spaniards and Portingals have I doen a recompending them good for cuill. So, to passe my time to get my liulng, it hath cost mee great labour and trouble at the first; but God hath blessed my labour. In the ende of fine yeeres, I made sup-

desiring to see my poore wife and children according to conscience and nature. With one of our mariners that cam with me to the which request, the Emperour was not well pleased, and would not let me goe any A two dayes after, the Emperour called more for my countrey; but to byde in his

Thus, God be praised, all we that were left hundred fortie, or three hundred fiftie silence and discretion, would find themaline, came together sgaine, From the saued: in which ship the Gouernour of selves chamelessly betrayed, and their unship all things were taken out : so that the Manilla as a passenger, was to return to suspecting soliloquies literally reported to clothes which I took with me on my back I Nous Spanis. But this Gouernour was their indignant families; strange to say only had. All my instruments and books sent in the bigger ship which I made, in this suggestive hint of the powers of the were taken. Not only I lost what I had in ann. 1610, to Acapulca. And in ann. 1611, telephone attracted no attention, and has the ship, but from the capten and the this Gouernour returned another ship in ere this been in all probability forgotten. company, generally, what was good or her rooms, with a great present, and with We fully comprehend the danger of the worth the taking, was carried away. All an Embassadour to the Emperour, gluing telephone. If any telephonic miscreant which was doen unknowen to the Em- him thankes for his great friendship; and connects a telephone with one of the countperour. So in processe of time having also sent the worth of the Emperours ship less telegraphic wires that pass over the knowledge of it, he commanded that in goods and money: which shippe the roofs of this city there will be an imme-

and there so taken, that we could not get it and daily doe, being employed in the Empe- ful students of the satellites of Mars will be again : sauinge 50000 Rs in reddy money rours service, he heath given me a living, proclaimed by way of the house-top to the was commaunded to be goven va; and in like vnto a lordship in England, with envesdropping telephone operator. No to be very kind to your little sisters, I once ils presence brought, and delivered in the eightie or ninetie husbandmen, that be as matter to what extent a man may close his knew a little boy who struck his sister a hands of one that was made our gouernour, my slaves or servents; which, or the like doors and windows, and hermstically seal blow over the eye. Although she didn't who kept them in his hands to distribute president, was never here before geven to his key holes and furnace registers with slowly pine away and die in the early sumthem vnto vs as wee had neede, for the any stranger. Thus God hath proulded towels and blankets, whatever he may say, mer time, when the June roses were blowing, buying of victualls for our men, with other for mee after my great miserie; and to him either to himself or a companion, will be with words of sweet forgiveness on her palid particular charges. So in the end of thirtie only be all honnor and praise, power and overheard. Absolute silence will be our only lips, she rose up and hit him over the head dayes, our ship lying before the city called giory, both now and for over, worlde safety. Conversation will be carried on with a rolling pin, so that he couldn't go to

without ende. Now, whether I shall come out of this be conducted by the use of a system of account of not being able to put his best hat land, I know not. Vntill this present there | ingenious symbols. An invention which on !"-Mark Twain. Emperour, that our ship should be carried hath been no meanes; but now, through the thus mentally makes silence the sole conto the estermost part of the land, called trade of the Hollanders, there is meanes. ditions of safety cannot be too severely Quanto, whither according to his commann- In the years of our Lord 1609, two Holland dement we were carried, the distance being ships came to lapon. Their intention was defence, is always to be deprecated, there about an hundred and twenty leagues. Our to take the Caracke, that yearly cam from can be but little doubt that the death of passage thither was long, by reason of con- Macao, being a fine or six dayes too late. the inventors and manufacturers of the trarie winder so that the Emperour was Nouerthelesse, they cam to Firando, and telephone would do much towards creating there long before vs. Comming to the land | cam to the Court to the Emperour, where | that feeling of confidence which financiers of Quanto, and neere to the citle Eddo, they were in great friendly received making | tell us must precede any revival of where the Emperour was ; being arrived. I | condition with the Emperour yearsly to | business. sought all meanes by supplications, to get send a ship or two; and so with the our ship cleare, and to seeke our best Emperour's passe they departed. Now, meanes to come where the Hollanders had this years 1611, there is a small ship their trade : in which suit we spent much arrived, with cloth, lead, elephants teeth, of the mony goven vs. Also, in this time, dammaske, and blacke taffities, raw silke, three or foure of our men rebelled against pepper, and other commodities; and they the capten, and my selfe, and made a haue shewed cause why they cam not in Washington, Jan. 3.—The Chinese quesmutinie with the rest of our men, so that the former years 1610, according to pro- tion in Peru seems to have taken a form we had much trouble with them. For they mise yearely to come. This ship was which is in strong contrast with that of the would not abide noe longer in the ship, wonderously well received. You vader same question on our Pacific coast. Our enery one would be a commander and per- stand that the Hollanders have here an California neighbours are moving for means force would have every one part of the Indies of money; for out of Holland there to check Chinese immigration to their shores, money that was goven by the Emperour. It is no need of silver to come into the East would bee too long to wryte the particulars. Indies. For in Japon, there is much silner | their Celestial brethren by many acts of vio-In the end, the money was devided accord- and gold to serve for the Hollanders to lence. The same class of laborers is being ing to every man's place; but this was handel wher they will in the Est Endies, | welcomed by the Peruvians to all the rights about two yeeres that we had been in Iopon; But the merchandiz, which is here vendible and privileges of native citizenship, and and when we had a deniall that we should for readie money, silke, damaske, blacke efforts are made by the Peruvian Government not have our ship, but to abyde in Iapon. | taffities, blacke and red cloth of the best, So that the part of every one being devided, lead, and such like goods: So, now vnderevery one tooke his way where he thought standing by this Holland ship lately arrived best. In the end, the Emperour gaus enery here, that there is a settled trade by my man, to line vpon, two pounds of rice's day, countrey-men in the Est Indies, I presume daily, and yeerely so much as was worth that amongst them some, either merchants, eleuen or twelue ducate a yeare, 'yearely : | masters, or mariners, must needs know my selfe, the capten, and mariners all alike. | mee. Therefore I have ymbolddened my Bo in processe of four or flue yeeres the selfe to write to these few lines in breife;

This Hand of Iapon is a great land, and ship. I answered that I was no carpenter, lyeth to the northwards, in the lattetude of and had no knowledg thereof. Well, doe eight and fortis degrees, and it lyeth cast your endeavour, saith he : if it be not good, by north; and west, by south or west south it is no matter. Wherefore at his com- | west, two hundred and twentle English manuad I buylt him a ship of the burthen leagues. The people of this Iland of lopon of eightie tunner, or there about : which | are good of nature, curteous aboue measure, ship being made in all respects as our man- and valiant in warre : their justice is severener is, he comming abourd to see it, liked ly exceented without any partialitie vpon it very well ; by which meanes I came in | transgressors of the law. They are gouernmore favour with him, so that I came often | ed in great civilitie. I meane, not a land in his presence, who from time to time gave | better governed in the world by civil me presents, and at length a yearely policie. The people be verie superstitious styperid to line vpon, much about senentie in their religion, and are of diners opinions. ducates by the years, with two pounds of There be many lesuites and Franciscan rice a day. Now beeing in such grace and friars in this land, and they have converted fauour, by reason I learned him some many to be Christians and have many

Thus, in breife, I am constrained to write, hoping that by one meanes or other, in processe of time, I shall heare of my wife nemies did wonder; and at this time must and children; and so with pacience I wait the good will and pleasure of Allmity God: Dated in Iapon the two and twentieth of October 1611.

By your voworthy friend and seruant. to command in what I can, WILLIAM ADAMS.

A FLY'S TOLLET.

The toilet of the fly is as carefully athuman insects. With a contempt for the looking glass he brushes himself up and wabbles his little round head, chuck full of vanity, wherever he happens to be. -Sometimes after a long day of dissipation and flirting, with his six small legs and little round body all soiled with syrup, and butter, and cream, he passes out of the diningroom and wings his way to the clean white cord along which the morning glories climb,

more newes, neither of our ship, nor capten, presently granted mee. So by that meanes It is a wonderful toilet. Resting himself whether he were recovered of his sickenesse my capten got leave; and in a lapon lunk on his front and middle legs he throws his short time I have been here—about sixteen sailed to Pattan; and in a yeares space cam | hind legs rapidly over his body, binding | months—that their shops are increasing fast which time, looked every day to die; to no Hollanders. In the end, he went from down his frail wings for an instant with the and also many handsome stores in the prin- vegetable. Its place in the black list is be crossed, as the custome of justice is in Patane to Ior, where he found a fleet of pressure, then raking them over with a cipal streets. Iapon, as hanging is in our land. In which | nine sails | of which fleet Matter was | backward motion, which he repeats until . "They intermerry with the lower class of enough to rejoice the heart of any member long time of imprissonment, the lesnites General, and in this fleet he was made they are bright and clear. Then he pushes whites, and by these are looked upon as and the Portingalls, gave many suidences Master agains, which fleet sailed to Malacca, the two legs along his body under the wings, quite a catch, for they make good husbands against me and the rest to the Emperour, and fought with an armedo of Portingalls: giving that queer structure a thorough —industrious, domestic, and are fond of that wee were theenes and robbers of all in which battel he was shot, and presently ourrying, every now and then throwing their children. Large numbers have bedled so that as yet, I think, no certain the legs out and rubbing them together newes is knownen, whether I be liuing or to remove what he has collected from his parently very fervent in their devotions and and the land i for no nation should come dead. Therefore I do pray and intreate corporeal surface. Next he goes to work attentive to the ceremonies of the church. there without robbing bis Highnes justice | you in the name of Jesus Christ to doe so upon his van. Resting on his hind legs and They have hired the second theatre of the much as to make my being here in Iapan, middle legs, he raises his two forelegs and city, or leased it, for four years, and out doubt should feare and not come here knowen to my poor wife; in a manner a begins a vigorous scraping of his head and believe it is filled nightly. In all they seem any more i thus dayly making axcess to the | widdow, and my two children fatherlesse i shoulders, using his proboscis every little to assimilate themselves to the habits and limbs. At times he is so energetic that it seems as if he were trying to pull his head pussy at her toilet. It is plain, even to the naked eye, that he does his work thoroughly, for when he has finished he looks like a new fiv. so clean and neat has he made himself within a few minutes. The white cord is defiled, but Floppy is himself again, and he hids the morning glories a very good

THE TELEPHONE UNMASKED.

(New York Times) Suspicion ought to have been awakened by the recent publication of the fact that if the lamp-posts of our city were to be connected by wires; every confidential remark made to a lamp-post by a belated demogratia. statesman could be reproduced by a telephone connected with any other lampspost.

they which had taken our goods, should Spaniards have now in the Philippinas. diate end of all privacy. Whatever is said Now for my service which I have doen in the secrecy of the back piezza by youthexclusively in writing, and courtship will Sunday school for more than a month, on denounced, and while violence, even in self-

A HINT TO CALIFORNIA CHINESE GO TO PERU.

(By Telegraph to the New York Tribune.) and are manifesting a bitter hostility toward to fester and increase the immigration to that country from China.

For about fourteen years, beginning in 1860, Chinese were brought to Peru under the "contract" or Coolie system, during which time upwards of 86,000 were landed in that country. Under this system a great many abuses were practised at both ends in China by kidnapping and emptying jails, and in Peru by brutal treatment of the Coolig laborers. Their condition is said to have been similar to that of the African slave in our Southern States before the war On some plantations they received every attention due to their position and wants. On others, treatment of the most barbarous kind-worse than brutes receive. A great change has lately taken place. The laborer has learned something of his rights and how Coolie system, under which only the less the Chinamen now come only as free im-60,000 and 70,000 Chinese.

tite, that country, writes of them to the State | touching each other, and then, exhausted Department as follows

"Here in Lima, at Callao and other ports on the coast, there are great numbers of them who have served the time of contract or have in some cases purchased it, and they enjoy. all the rights due to any citizen or resident of the Republic, and as far as I can see or judge are happy and contented. A great many of them are occupied as house servants, principally as cooks. In all parts of the city are small eating houses or cook shops, kept by Chinese, and they are well patronized by the poor people, who get more and better food for less money than with the tended to as that of the most frivolous of natives. Streets fronting on the large markets and those leading to them are much filled by Chinese grocers, tailors, shoemakers, bakers, butchers and other tradesmen that walking around, seeing the people, their shops and signs, you could easily imagine that you were in a Chinese town.

"As the Chinaman is laborious and industrious, being satisfied with small gains and having no luxurious vices or habits, he sell cheaper and gives a better article for less money than shopkeepers of other nations. lities. I suppose that these shops, which were originally started with the idea of catching the trade of their fellow countrymade of gabbage-leaves is not justifled by to their benefit to supply their wants from the Chinese. I have noticed during the

come converts to Catholicism, and are ap-

hard-working, patient laborer. The climate all along the coast where the great agricul- more curiously selected, and have included tural fields exist, suits him. His wants are coccanut fibre, small seeds, cotton, wood, few, and he saves money when other races and bread. At one establishment 50 lb. of live in penury and misery under the same "tobacco dust" were found and analysed, circumstances. As this plan for Chinèse immigration is altogether different from the nails, grindings of tobacco-pipe, dirt, and old one of coolie labor, the emigrant arrive all sorts of refuse. Another large class of ing freely without any trammels, choosing materials is apparently used for securing his own work and earning good wages, at the adhesion and consistency of the cigar the least, one sole per day, with certain when made. Amongst these starch is the knowledge of employment, there will be a most prominent; but it includes gum superior class of emigrants to leave China for a country which they have some know- glycering, and essential oils. The coledge of through their countrymen, of whom many traffic up and down the coast from to be attended to, and for this purpose San Francisco to Callao."

Miscellaneous

A cutata child being naked by a Sunday after they had crossed the Red Sea P' and ingly saccharine matter, and especially swered, "I don't know, ma'am, but I guess they dried themselves."

MR. AGASSIE says that in certain Amazos nian tribes, on the day of his marriage, while | where the latter ingredient is most fashionthe wedding festivities are going on the

vaderstand that I was executed long since, and sixe men were drowned, and three them with the utmost confidence in their smilingly and unmoved he is considered fit for the trials of matrimony.

SILVER IN NORWAY .- A silver, mine, the ore of which is stated to be unuqually rich. has, according to the Norwegian papers, been discovered in the Nam Valley. The discoverer will probably receive a Government grant of about 400,000 crowns.

TRANSFER OF SHARES .- Vice-Chancellor Malins has decided that a holder of shares in a limited liability company has an absolute right to transfer his shares to whom he pleases, and that the directors have no right whatever to inquire into the object of such

BROTHER AND SISTER .- "You boys ought

A story that reads like a mediaval romance comes from New York. In relitting the old post-office buildings the carpenters have discovered that the upper floors are double, and are arranged so that detectives. can watch the operations of those in the different rooms, who suppose themselves to be alone. The whole duliding was luthlened with secret passages, sliding panels, hidden trap-doors, and mysterious chambers, whose existence the post officials had no knowledge of with the exception of the postmaster and assistant. When the workmen had removed the flooring, it was ascertained that the concessed space was from four to four and one-half deep, affording ample room for men to move about. Passages led entirely around the building. At very short intervals were found small circular holes, in which were inverted lenses. Through these a view of the room below was obtained. Back of and above these lenses were reflectors, which brought before the eye of the observer the utmost recesses of the post-office. If a detective saw any stealing or any improper action committed by a clerk, or by a person not employed in the office, the speaking tube by his side conveyed a warning st once to the attio room, and the guilty person was met at the door, or tapped on the shoulder in the interior of the office by another deteotive. The apertures through which the detective overlooked the rooms are in most places so small as hardly to be visible from the apartments below. Some of them, however, look boldly down from the casement, but as the planks in which they are seen were obtained from very old timber. the holes would readily be taken for knot holes .- British Colonist.

THE residents of Jackson-street have been considerably amused by a real Ohlnese prize-fight, conducted on the strictest principles of the Mongolian ring. Threevegetable hawkers, with their baskets, were all trying to get into the yard of a house at to obtain them, while the planter finds fair the same time, to solicit custom. The treatment more profitable in the end. The smallest of the three gracefully withdrew I his opposition, but neither of the remaining desirable class of Chinese came over, has pedlars would yield an inch. After exbeen abolished, and by a treaty between the hausting the entire vituperative language Peruvian and the Chinese Governments, known to the profession, which consists of some four million words, they laid down migrants. There are in Peru now, between their baskets and doubled up their flats. They struck out wildly for some minutes. Mr Richard Gibbs, American Minister to sometimes coming almost within a foot of by their efforts, and panting for breath. they mutually retired to a distance of about alz yards, and commenced a fearful fire of vegetables. One of the contestants got two soft tomatoes in the eye, while his opponent was struck with a squshy pear in the mouth. and nearly blinded with a bunch of ripe grapes. For a quarter of an hour the sun was darkened by showers of potatoes, cauliflowers, apples, carrots, turnips, and sprouts, and it was not until they had both buried their last string bean that they fled wildly in opposite directions, calling on the God of War to bear witness to their dauntless bravery. And then the small but satute child of rature (who had so courteously given way at the outset. and had been watching the battle from the other aide of the street, seated on his baskets) tripped daintily on the scene and picked up all the available debris which he thought he could sell, and, as he entered the disputed yard unmolested, and sold the lady of the house fifte n cents worth of vegetables and missiles, he murmured, Apples plenty cheap, to-day; Chinaman get . eap mad."-San Francisco Mail.

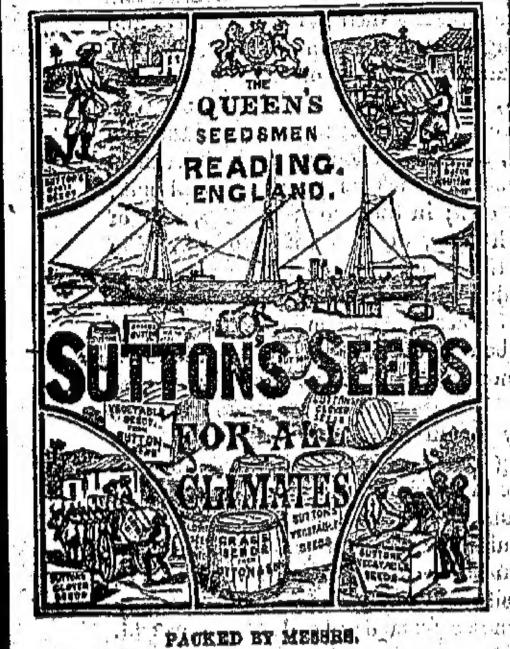
THE popular belief that bad olgars are

the last official report on tobacco adulteration. This document contains a tabulated account of the seizures of spurious tobacco made in the United Kingdom since 1864; and in the whole paper there is no mention whatever of the much suspected supplied by a variety of ingredients large of the Anti-tobacco League. The dishonest dealer in things smokeable is shown by the report to make use of three different sorts of materials besides that which he professes to employ. The first sort is required forthe actual substance of the cigar: the second for improving its outward appearance; and the third for imparting to it what is supposed to be a better taste. In the former category the favourite substances. seem to be the leaves of the lime-tree, the husks of wheat and cats, ootton, yarn, and "Here the Chinaman is an industrious, tonquin bean. But there are numerous cases where the ingredients have been much when it was shown to contain string, wood. amidine, blue, gum arabio, glue, lour of the fabrication is the next thing resort is had to yellow cohre, red sandals wood, logwood, lampblack, and Venstian red. - As for the Havour of the cirati it is varied to suit the most diverse tastes : but the usual object seems to be to impart to it a pleasing awaetness of tone; Accorda treadle, is very largely pressed into the service. For those who like a rather more decided taste, liquorice; salt, logwood, glycerine, and sniseed are used. It is in Dublin. able, while Edinburgh is fundest of treatle

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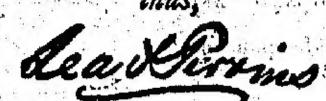
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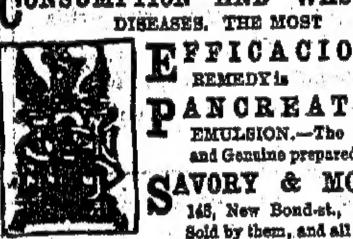
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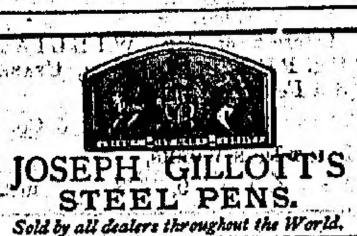
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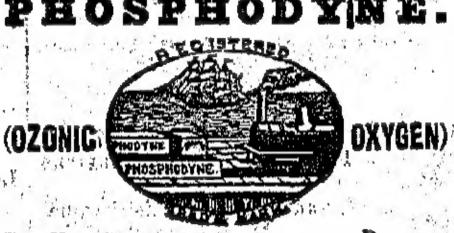
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Trubner's Oriental Record contains the folowing notice of the China Review !- The is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hong. kong, where it has been set on foot as in some respects a continuation of Notes and Queries on China and Japan, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the Calcutta Review. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature. antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of informs ation, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable : and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's She King, by the Rev. E. J. Eitel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronologicar problems and arguments involved in connexion with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet statesman of the eleventh, century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, ic is not only historically valuable, but is also, distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary real to that which was, displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intend-

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March 8, Flores de Maria, Spanish barque, 248, Julian Salasor, Manila Feb. 28, Gene-March 9, Amoy, British steamer, from

March 9, Ping On, American steamer, from Canton. March 9, Anchises, British steamer, 1804.

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Comet, for Yokohama. Washi, for Salgon. Patria, for Chefoo. Peter, for Newchwang. India, for Manila. Young Siam, for Bangkok, Ping On, for Shanghal. Malabar, for Snigon. Coeran, for Swatow. Norna, for Swatow.

Amoy, for Shanghai. PASSENGERS.

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The British steamer Galley of Lorns reports i Experienced strong N. E. monsoon and thick weather. POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS Will close :--For AMOY & SHANGHAL. Per Hochung, at 8.80 a.m. To morrow,

the 10th inst. Per Ping On, at 9 a.m. To-morrow, the Per Amoy, at 8 a.m. To-morrow, the 5th

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Per Venice and Japan, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet Belgio will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 13th Instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows ;---M. Registry of Letters ceases.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES :--ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL .- The Right Reverend Bishop Burdon; The Rev. E. Davys, Acting Colonial Chaplain. 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, &c.

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BERLIN FOUNDLING HOUSE. -- Service in the German language, by Rev. W. Louis, every Sunday, at half-past ten A.M., in the Chapel of the Berlin Foundling House, West Point.

Shipping. 10 a.m. - Amoy leaves for Shanghal.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Auctions. 11 a.m. = Sale 51 Woodberry Cotton Duck, &c., at Meases McEwen, Frickel stolen they would be doubtless treated de Co.'s Godown, Preys. 1 p.m -Sale of Schooner Rubicon, on

Amusement, 8.20 p.m. -- Entertainment at Tamperanse Hall, Stanley Street.

General Memoranda.

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WEDNESDAY, March 13:-Goods per Anadyr undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing

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THURSDAY, March 14:-Noon.-English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. Goods per Glamis Castle undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, March 15:-Noon.—Naval Contract Tenders close for the supply of Provisions. 8 p.m.—Sale of Ground Property, Marine Lot No. 206.

3 p.m .- Venice and Japan leave for

Singapore, &c. THURSDAY, March 21:-Noon.-French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, March 22:-3 p.m.-Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at the Head Office, Hongkong.

THURSDAY, March 28 :--Noon.-American Mall leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

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His Excellency, the Governor, was doubtless a little surprised on the occasion of his recent visit to the Tung Wah Hospital to find that his eulogies of that except those to and through Australia, received by the foreign community. The fact is that the establishment is not quite popular in the neighbourhood of the Clock Tower. This circumstance perhaps, not so much owing mo21 the wretched system of medicine and surgery practised in the Hospital as to the tendency exhibited at one time by the Hospital Committee to usurp governmental duties and influence | European Conference, which was to be held over their own countrymen in the at Baden-Baden. Colony. Latterly we have heard very little of this propensity of the Committee, but it would be rash to conclude that it has altogether ceased to exist. His At 8 a.m. Excellency has only to revert to the extensive display of mandarin dresses in honour of his recent visit to the institution, and the "pomp and circumstance" with which that event was invested by his hosts, to appreciate without much difficulty the immense influence the Tung Wah Hospital Committee would be able, ST. PRTER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.-Rev. if unchecked, to exercise over the native official "button" which has held together the vast empire of China, worse than badly governed as it is, for centuries, Thelast occasion on which the Committee unwittingly admitted at the Police kong has developed several points his case for settlement before that body, a study of the language, literature, man-Mr May, the senior police magistrate, was | ners, and dustoms, of those whose cause

healing the sick, and the function of the

recovery of stolen property. There were

many hospitals in London, and if any

one went there to recover anything

as harmless lunation. He must inform

That Court was the place for the in- ponents, but with the combined forces of vestigation of matters connected with both. Leaving out the political, and the kidnapping of girls, robberies, or confining ourselves strictly to the social its legitimate functions.

source of real danger to the Govern- | be the case, convinced that if foreigners We must return to this subject on a future occasion.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS. [SUPPLIED TO THE "CHIMA MAIL,"] (By Southern Route.)

THE WAR.

London, 7th March, 1878. The war indemnity asked by Russia is 1,410,000,000 roubles; of this amount the territory in Armenia is to represent 1,100,000,000 roubles and the money pay- they know of no other.

ment 310,000,000 roubles. It is expected that a European Congress will be held at Berlin under the presidency of Prince Bismarck, instead of the proposed

London, 8th March, 1878. There has been a long debate in the

Lord Derby said that although in 1871 it peased to exist, nevertheless it was binding until Europe sanctioned a substitute i he hoped that the proposed Conference would effect a European, not a Russian, settlement of the question, but the task was

> SOCIAL INTERCOURSE BETWEEN

CHINESE AND FOREIGNERS. The correspondence that has recently Government was when a presecutor several European gentlemen of Hong-Court that he had previously brought special interest to all who are engaged in rather out-spoken, and properly so, on the first-mentioned writer has now come that fact being adduced in evidence, forward to advocate. And, in spite of "A hospital was," he said, "a place for the well-known warning that-

Those who in quarrels interpose Committee was that and that alone, It Must often wips a bloody nosewas nunsepsa to go to a hospital for the we shall venture, on the strength of single sentence, to enter the lists of this controversy and break a lance, neither

We are of course bound to respect the anonymous character under which this able anyone connected with the Tung Wah correspondent has chosen to appear, though Hospital who might be present in Court that the function of the Committee that such masterpieces of English as the was to look after the sick, and he letters to which we allude, might be counted would advise them not to meddle on the thumbs of either hand.

larcenies." There was a time no doubt side of the question at issue, we find "A when the Committee of the Hospital Chinese" complaining that his fellowextensively busied themselves with countrymen are despised by the Euromatters of this kind, and drew down peans of Hongkong, and not admitted upon themselves thereby a considerable into their society. On the other hand, amount of odium, from which they have we glean from the replies which that not yet entirely freed themselves, al-though we are willing to believe they despise foreigners quite as heartily, and now appreciate more fully than they did (2) that if foreigners do despise the Chithe danger of such a course, and are an- nese, it is nothing more or less than xious to avoid raising another public could be expected. Now, in our opinion, outery against the institution on the both sides are absolutely right and both same grounds. Apart from this point of sides absolutely wrong. The whole usurping the functions of Government, question turns upon the meaning of the the foreign community of the Colony are | term employed. If the word despise be not thoroughly well satisfied that an used either in its common sense of "to important institution of the place should scorn," "to disrespect," or with its rarer be devoted to teaching and maintain- meaning of "to abhor," then we are ing among the natives the farrage of prepared to meet with a flat denial the trash that obtains under the name of the statements of both parties alike. In the Chinese medical system, but as, we be face of the manifold good qualities of lieve, there was an understanding at the head and heart exhibited by the Chinese time the Hospital was erected and the as a nation; in face of their many vir-Chinese were asked to subscribe to it tues, among which patriotism, filial piety, that native practice should be permitted sobriety, and commercial morality are prein the building, foreigners can hardly eminent; in face of their great antiquity desire to see any interference with the as a people, in the enjoyment of civilised institution so long as it confines itself to life at a time when our own ancestors were painting their skins with woad and During Admiral Sergio's governorship living on raw meat in the backwoods of of Macao some of the leading Chinese Britain; in the face of their vast literamerchants on the peninsula asked for a ture, the prominence they have given piece of ground outside the old St. An- for centuries past to learning and the fine tonio Gate, near Camoes Garden, on arts, their marvellous successes in various which to erect a hospital. The request industries, such as porcelain and silk was granted, as it was convenient to the etc., etc.; in the face of all this, and of Government to have a place to which much more, we should like to ask. Who the sick could be sent, especially in but the bigoted and ignorant, the narrowthose days of the coolie trade, when minded and low, could possibly despise cases of sickness were plentiful. About the Chinese? And similarly, it is beyond two years ago, the hospital having the bounds of all reason to suppose for a been built, it was discovered by the moment that the Chinese actually despise Government that the Committee was us. We show them wonders from the holding sittings for trying civil cases | fairy realm of science surpassing any. among the Chinese and that their thing ever dreamt of by the most imagindecisions were invested with almost if ative of their own writers of exaggerated not quite as much weight as those of a fiction. The result of the great triennial magistrate. This was considered a examination at Peking now reaches Candangerous state of affairs by the Govern- ton in a few days; and the variations of ment, mainly on account of the amount the silk and tea markets in Europe may of influence the Committee was gaining be known from day to day by any Ohiover the native community, and the Go- nese merchant enterprising enough to vernment at once intimated to the Com- spend a few dollars in telegrams. The mittee that they must either confine luxury of a nice silver watch is within themselves to their proper duties, or reach of most thrifty Chinamen and shut up the establishment. The Com- few there are who are not so; while mittee has since been wise enough to let coast travelling has undergone a change magisterial functions alone and busy from the slow and dangerous junk to the themselves with the sick, but the Go. rapid, safe, and well-appointed steamer, vernment of the Colony has not ceased To these and many other advantages the to exercise a certain amount of vigilance | Chinese are indebted to the intercourse over them. These facts only came to which foreign nations have forced upon our knowledge a short time ago, and are them; and while objecting, as with much doubtless new to the majority of our justice they may, to the friendly interest readers. They show that a tendency | which foreigners have displayed in the welexists among Chinese communities on fare of China, it is not possible that they foreign soil to establish imperia in imperion can really despise those whom they must rite, and that other local governments recognise, in this respect at any rate, to than our own view these efforts with be so immeasurably their superiors. I strong disfavour. One of the greatest is only when an element of ignorance difficulties the Straits Government has creeps in that either side can be said to to contend with at the present moment begin to despise the other. Even then is to crush secret government among the it is more a feeling of pity than of Chinese immigrants, and to induce them | contempt. For instance, the Chinese do to look to the proper authorities for pro- not despise our want of knowledge of tection and control. In unsettled times | their language and of their sacred books. these organisations would become a They are rather sorry that such should were only to pass through the usual Chinese student's curriculum the result would be an immediate acknowledgment of the supremacy of China. Any one acquainted with the Four Books must have noticed how often education is insisted upon as a means of reclaiming the bad, making the good better, and thereby imparting a solidity to the foundations on which the coherence of the Chinese nation depends; with them, however, it is not education in the abstract that is good, but only that particular form in vogue amongst themselves for the very simple reason that But we are now drawing on to the point at which we hope to show that in

place of the feeling of mutual contempt so universally believed to exist between Chinese and foreigners, we should do well to substitute some lighter and less odious term. We ourselves hold that it is rather a sense of mutual incompatibility which is made to do duty for the stronger and more objectionable House of Lords upon the Treaty of Paris of phrases now in use. China and the West, suddenly brought into close relationship, each with a civilisation the very antipodes of its own, stand staring at each other in open-mouthed astonishment. It is impossible that there should be a speedy social amalgamation of the two, with all the differences of manners, customs, language, and creed, and the difficulties of pride and prejudice to be got over. Why, it is only within the last few years that the French and English can be said to have met each other on equal terms. These two nations despised one another for centuries in precisely the same way that the Chinese and English do now. That is to say, the French could not tolerate the brusqueness of John Bull, and John Bull delighted to sneer at the undignified antics of his frog-eating rival. But we will hasten on to deal with the chief reasons to which, in our opinion, must be attributed the social separation of Chinese and foreigners in Hongkong and elsewhere, hoping so to state the case as to avoid the imputation of partisanship with either side, and leaving our readers as much as possible to draw their own conclusions. To begin with even should there be no obstacle in point of language to a free and easy exchange of ideas, there still is a total absence of any topics of common interest to both sides. The

+ Latham's Dictionary of the English

ordinary Chinaman is glad entitigh to

examine the appointments of a foreign